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#### **UKRAINE UNREST**

# At the center of Europe's Ukraine paralysis: an uncertain Germany

By John Vandiver Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — When Polish lawmaker Witold Waszczykowski sees unrest on his country's eastern flank in Ukraine and with it renewed fears of a resurgent Russian menace, he says he can't

help but also worry about what lies to Warsaw's west:

Germany.
"This is a decisive moment for Europe and

"This is a decisive moment for Europe and NATO, but unfortunately we've been seeing strange things out of Germany," said Waszczykowski, a member of Poland's parliament, a former diplomat and adviser to the late Polish President Lech Kaczyski.

In the face of a more militarily assertive Russia and a push by the eastern European members of NATO for a firm response, Ger-

many — the economic powerhouse of Europe
—has been paralyzed by soul searching as it
grapples with its deeply anti-military stance
born of its crushing defeat in World War II,
its more recent history as a divided nation
half ruled by the Soviet Union, and its strong
economic and energy ties to Russia.

That, analysts say, has exposed fissures in the 28-member NATO alliance at a time when it needs to show a strong, united front — both to deter Russia from further encroachment toward NATO's outer borders and to reassure the Eastern European members of the alliance who are fearful of such a scenario.

"If Germany can't be counted on, how can we expect anything meaningful from others in Europe?" Waszczykowski asked. "I worry other countries will follow the pattern of Germany."

How Germany responds could have long-term implications for a NATO alliance still coming to terms with a new security paradigm on the Continent.

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It is the one country in Europe that needs to stand firm, but the Germans are just not as firmly committed to a strong European defense posture as they should be, and this is a longterm strategic problem.

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"Normally, I don't even put wildfire gear in my vehicle until the end of April. This year I never took it out. We never really completed the 2013 fire season. It's been a continuation"

Kern County (Calif.) Fire
Department battalion chief Kirk
Kushen, who has been battling a
series of wildfires near San Diego

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### **MIDEAST**

# Fields of failed dreams in Iraq

By Loveday Morris
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — As the beating heat of the day gives way to night, the soccer fields of Sadr City swarm with young men partaking in what is no doubt Iraq's favorite sport

The evening bustle in this cramped and impoverished Shiite neighborhood looks far different from the worst days of Iraq's sectarian violence, when some of these playing fields were instead killing fields.

For Haider Jameel — janitor by day, soccer coach by evening one of the patches of land, among a jumble of mechanic shops and scrap yards, has been a backyard for decades.

It went unused only during the grimmest periods of civil war, which peaked in 2006. The Mahdi Army, a Shiite militia loyal to Moquad al-Sadr, the anti-U.S. cleric for whom the neighborhood is named, would use the area to stage attacks. Those the fighters kidnapped were often executed by a nearby dam.

When the violence subsided, the Iraqi government and the United States began pumping in millions of dollars to clean up Sadr City. That's when the scrap was cleared to make Jameel's makeshift neighborhood pitch into a full-size soccer field.

The contractor who built the field — who did not want to be identified, out of fear for his safe-ty — said he was paid \$1.1 million for the job by the U.S. Army. It's difficult to see where that money went, despite his assurances that the site was once in a better state of repair.

There are no lights, no bleachers, no showers. The boys who



PHOTOS BY MAX BECHERER/The Washington Posi

A barren field and failing fence are the remnants of a soccer facility that the U.S. built in Baghdad at a cost of more than \$1 million.

play here use a nearby shop to wash. When it rains, the field floods and local residents chip in to buy new dirt to resurface it.

While this field, at least, remains in use, two others around Ghazaliyah, a mixed suburb in western Baghdad — made under the same contract for nearly \$1 million each — are deserted. They are little more than rubbish dumps, littered with broken bottles and smoldering trash.

In today's Iraq, questions about the waste of U.S. funds have turned to questions about the waste of Iraqi money, and about why more of Iraq's billions in oil revenue have not filtered down to ordinary people. Meanwhile, Sunni-Shiite sectarian violence is creeping back.

Last year, the number of violent deaths in Iraq surged to the highest level in five years. Soccer fields, which provide breathing space for youths in crowded neighborhoods such as Sadr City, have themselves become a target.

Attacks on crowds gathered to watch matches in Shiite neighborhoods have become increasingly common as the al-Qaida offshoot Islamic State of Iraq and Syria seeks to inflict civilian casualties.

Jameel's field, like many in Sadr City, is named in memory



Neighborhood teams play soccer on a field in the Sadr City section of Baghdad. This and other soccer fields like it are in disrepair but still well used.

of a local resident who played there before he was killed during the days of sectarian war. The sign on the gate bears a picture of the "sports martyr" Mohammed Kamil, soccer ball under his

The young boys who now train

in the dust here talk of their hopes for a different future. But as they collect contributions from their parents to buy new soil for the \$1 million field's dirt surface, they are reminded that they may not be able to rely on their oil-rich state to provide one for them.



# **Marine veteran** garners award for self-portrait

By Victoria Brito

The Brownsville (Texas) Herald

Gripping both sides of civilian and military life — that is what John Rothschild said his daughter. Sarah Rothschild, depicts in her award-winning painting, What Happens There Doesn't Stay There.

On April 26, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Sarah Rothschild received the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's Col. John W. Thomason Jr. Award. Her award-winning charcoal painting depicts a tearful Rothschild, 27, gripping a U.S. Marine Corps uniform and an American flag while staring at 21 bullets lined up on the ground in front of her.

The veteran's self-portrait is a charcoal painting created as an assignment while attending Oklahoma State University, Rothschild is from Oklahoma but has lived on South Padre Island, Texas, for about two years.

"I had only been out of the Marine Corps and in Oklahoma four months and just struggling,' she said of the painting. struggle with all of it." "I always

During her time in the Marines, Rothschild was stationed for a year in Iraq and seven months in Afghanistan. She was a part of the Female Engagement team, a group that would patrol the villages of Afghanistan's south Helmand province and connect with the Afghan women.

"This led to a firsthand experience of war, admittedly not specifically combat, but indeed war, itself," she said. "I made many

Aviano airman, 39, killed

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy - An airman from the 31st Maintenance Squad-

Master Sgt. John J. Colpoys Jr., 39,

served as a transient alert section chief,

according to a news release issued Fri-

day by the 31st Fighter Wing. His previ-

ous assignments included Sheppard Air

Force Base in Texas, Misawa Air Base in

Japan, Luke Air Force Base in Arizona

and Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany.

place west of the base about 11:20 p.m.,

is still under investigation. Services are

a tragedy like this occurs, every mem-ber of the Air Force feels it," Brig. Gen.

Jon A. Norman, the wing commander, said in the release. "We express our

The cause of the accident, which took

"We are a close-knit family and when

ron died late Wednesday night in a

in motorcycle accident

motorcycle accident.

good friends out there, and also lost many good friends and great Marines. All of which incorporates and greatly led to the emotions which were transformed into this drawing."

The painting shows Rothschild visibly crying.

"I was at home one day sitting on the step of the deck outside, and I was thinking about stuff and crying," she said. "I went outside to see the makeup, and I don't know, it's kind of like when all of it came together."

She said she has been painting since she was young.

"This piece in particular ended up being pretty therapeutic," she

The painting is now housed in the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Va.

"After I drew it, it just sort of sat in the closet forever, and I didn't take it out. I look at it, it just makes me sad," she said.
"But I had known while working on it that I felt like it belonged in the National Museum of the Marine Corps. That needed to be its

Joan Thomas, head curator of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, accepted the painting in February and asked Rothschild if she could nominate the painting for an award. Within days, Rothschild was informed that she won the award

"This is obviously very personal," John Rothschild said. "It was never intended for an outside audience. This is part of her struggle. She wanted to be in, she wanted to be out of the Marines.



Courtesy of marineheritage.org

Marine veteran Sarah Rothschild of Port Isabel, Texas, won the 2014 Col. John W. Thomason Jr. Award for "What happens there doesn't stay there." A veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Rothschild found the inspiration for her self-portrait through the continuous curses of war. This drawing was done with charcoal.

He said his daughter's time in the military has had a lasting effect on not only him, but on his daughter.

"This (painting) sat in the closet for a while," he explained. "But then when other veterans saw it, and I'm not a veteran, and even I went, 'Oh my gosh.' But when other veterans saw it, they went, 'That's it, that's the conflict. We're out, but we're not out. We're holding on.' Just trying to move on but the struggle of moving on."

John Rothschild said that his daughter wants this artwork to help other veterans heal.

"It's a good thing, it's a very good thing, because its very hard to heal from these things," she said. "You don't forget them. People try to put it in a box, but it never stays in its box."

Sarah Rothschild said she is thankful for the support of her home post, the Eugene L. Farthing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7192 in Oklahoma, for its support. The group helped her fund her trip to Virginia to receive the award.

She has many other family members who belong to that post and said they are "very much our

For more information on Rothschild's art and to see her other work, visit therothschildartcollection.com.

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#### 'I always struggle with all of it'

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#### Readers respond:

Ooh Rah Marine - thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for vour service.

Lavinia Anne Whitworth

Absolutely Beautiful, and unfortunately depicts what so many feel once they return from a war zone. God Bless vou Sarah and may you continue to find the balance and healing

— Alicia Green

Profiting off the misery of others, tragic.

Keith G. Wucherer

She was not profitting off of the misery of others ... This was her own drawing from her own experience and was part of the therapy that gets her through the horrors of life in war zones.

— Chervl Hattari

Powerfull expression on the cost of war!!!

— Mark Byrd

I like the portrait but I see frailty and weaknesses. I don't see strength or the ability to overcome insurmountable odds. As a matter of fact at the V.A. I don't see any women I'd want to share a foxhole with.

— Marc Medina

Marine, sailor, soldier or airman it doesn't matter the branch. we all served our nation! This young lady nailed the struggles we veterans deal with.

— Steven Max

Marc Medina I served for six years as a blackhawk helicopter crewchief with the 82nd Airborne....and I think that statement goes both ways. I may not be foxhole worthy but I would boot you out of my chopper with a smile

- Lynnette Bohman

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# Calif. base on track for fighter

The Associated Press

LEMOORE, Calif. - A Central California Navy base is a signature away from becoming home to a new squadron of fighter jets.

A final environmental impact statement released Thursday named Lemoore Naval Air Station the preferred alternative to serve as the West Coast base for the F-35C Joint Strike Fighter jet. Lemoore, which is located 45 miles south of Fresno, was competing against El Centro Naval Air Facility in the Imperial Valley.

The Fresno Bee reports that Navy Secretary

Ray Mabus is expected to give his final approval to Lemoore by mid-June.

"We are extremely excited for the installation and our surrounding communities," base commander Capt. Monty Ashliman told the

The first F-35C fighter jets could arrive in August 2016, and by 2028, Lemoore could be home to 70 jets in addition to 30 others to make up a replacement squadron for training pilots and maintenance crews. The fighter jets will require up to 600 more uniformed personnel.

The base has been a historical center for the Navy's West Coast fighter jet operations. The new jets will join the FA-18C Super Hornets squad at the base. Ashliman told the newspaper that, with the addition, 60 percent of the Navy's fighter jets will be based in Lemoore.

Officials said the new squadron will give the region an economic boost.

It will essentially solidify the Navy presence in Kings County for decades to come," said John Lehn, president of the Kings County Economic Development Corporation.

The base employs 7,900 people from the aircraft hangars to the base hospital. Those employees live in surrounding communities and pump \$1 billion annually into the economy, officials

The squadron will need new buildings for pilot training, administration, flight simulators and supplies.

"This will create jobs," county Supervisor Doug Verboon said. "There's no telling where we can go from here."

deepest sympathies to his family and those affected by this incident." From staff reports

#### **MILITARY**



PHOTOS BY HENDRICK SIMOES/Stars and Stripes

The dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall conducts well-deck operations off the coast of Djibouti, sending embarked U.S. Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit and equipment ashore on April 15. The Gunston Hall is part of the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

# Amphibious ready groups play critical role in modern-day US military, humanitarian missions

By HENDRICK SIMOES Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS GUN-STON HALL IN THE GULF O' ADEN — During a visit to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt in 1993, then-President Bill Clinton said, "When word of crisis breaks out in Washington, it's no accident the first question that comes to everyone's lips is: "Where is the nearest carrier?"

Twenty-one years later, that question may be slightly modified to include, "Where is the nearest amphibious ready group?"

While the sight of cranes moving equipment or the well deck slowly filling up with water aboard an amphibious dock-landing ship may not be as thrilling as catapults hurtling jets across a bustling flight deck, amphibious ready groups — known as ARGs — are playing a critical role in modern-day operations.

In 2011, the Kearsarge ARG supported NATO-led operations to enforce a no-fly zone in Libya, and last year the same ARG was parked off the coast of Egypt to potentially respond to deepening oplitical unrest there. It also was on call to respond to the escalating civil war in Syria.

One of the ARG ships, the transport dock ship USS San Antonio, was even in the head-lines for its role in the capture of suspected terrorist Abu Anas allibility and uring a nighttime U.S. special operations raid in October

The resume for the ARGs' modern-day operational contributions is long, and it includes plenty of humanitarian assistance missions as well.

"There is more focus on the ARG, and I think it's because people are starting to realize all the benefits the ARG gives our



U.S. Navy sailors navigate a landing craft toward the well deck of the USS Gunston Hall after taking U.S. Marines and equipment ashore off Djibouti.

forces," said Capt. Timothy Kuehhas, commander of the USS Gunston Hall, which is part of the Bataan ARG currently deployed to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

But the right people might not be realizing the ARGs' value just yet. High-ranking officials from both the Navy and Marine Corps are deeply concerned about the future of the amphibious ship fleet.

"The Marine Corps' requirement has been pretty steady—we need 38 amphibs," Brig. Gen. Gregg Olson, commander of Task Force \$1.59 and in charge of the amphibious forces deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet, said in an interview with Stars and Stripes in Babrain.

It's essentially a supply-and-demand problem — and there aren't enough amphibious ships to meet the global requirements, Navy officials said.

In March, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert informed the Senate Armed Services Committee that the Navy has 29 operational amphibious ships. Greenert told the committee the requirement is 38 but that the Navy could manage with 33 such vessels.

Either way, he expressed his concern that the Navy is wearing out the existing amphibious ships. Under the current budget constraints, having 33 amphibious ships may not be possible until at least 2018, according to the Defense Department report last month, "Estimated Impacts of Sequestration-Level Funding."

An ARG is usually made up of three amphibious ships, an amphibious assault ship, an amphibious transport dock and a dock-landing ship. It deploys with an embarked Marine expeditionary unit comprising about 2,200 Marines.

Its purpose is to give the U.S.

\*Together, it (air and ship assets working together) makes a very formidable force. •

Capt. Timothy Kuehhas commander, USS Gunston Hall To view video and more photos of ARG life, go to: stripes.com/go/ARG

military a crisis-response capability that can be tailored for a wide range of situations, from disaster relief to combat.

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos calls it the "Swiss Army knife of the joint force"

#### A moving base

An ARG essentially gives the top brass a moving base that can either work together as a whole or split apart to handle multiple situations at once throughout a region. Each ship has similar capabilities but also some unique ones.

While the Gunston Hall can sail into shallower coastal waters and use its well deck to send Marines ashore via 15 embarked amphibious assault vehicles and two landing craft, a bigger ARG ship like the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan has a flight deck capable of launching a variety of helicopters and aircraft, including the MV-22 Osprey, AV-8B Harrier attack aircraft and CH-53E Sea Stallion helicopters.

Olson explained that the goal of the ARG is to provide combatant commanders with the right force able to cope with a multitude of missions.

Sometimes the mission requires air assets, sometimes it requires a ship off the coast capable of doing an amphibious landing and sometimes a combination of both, said Olson, who oversees the ARG and MEU when it operates in the 5th Fleet

"Together, it makes us a very formidable force," Kuehhas said.

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### **MILITARY**

# Last major units close up shop at Schweinfurt

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL Stars and Strines

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -The last two major tactical units at U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt, Germany, were inactivated during double ceremonies held Friday, months ahead of the final closure of the base in September.

The 18th Engineer Brigade, the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade and the 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion cased their colors, symbolizing what is essentially the end of 70 years of U.S. military operations in Schweinfurt.

"This is just another step in the transformation of our Army here in Europe and our Army as a whole. We're winding down from a period of conflict, and it makes sense that we're downsizing and reshaping our force," said Col. Scott Peterson, commander of the 18th Engineers. "It's been a great ride, and I'm really proud of the soldiers here in the brigade and these battalions."

Peterson spoke at the casing ceremony for his unit's colors. The gathered crowd packed the stadium, and soldiers from across the base stood on the outside of the fenced-off area. For the soldiers of the 18th Engineers, the deactivation - the fifth in the unit's 93-year history — felt like the breaking apart of a family.

"There's definitely a sense of pride to be able to conduct this and to be, for now, among the last members in the brigade," said Master Sgt. Timothy Bare, the current operations staff noncommissioned officer in charge for the 18th Engineers. "We have a good group, a close-knit group. It's a real family feeling."

The Schweinfurt garrison closure is part of the U.S. military's realignment across Europe. The training facilities at Hohenfels, Germany, cased their colors on Tuesday as part of the continuing consolidation of several independent training facilities under the USAG Bavaria umbrella. Sep-



Maj. Gen. John R. O'Connor, commanding general of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, hands the 18th Engineer Brigade colors over to Col. Zane Jones, commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, as part of Friday's in



The U.S. Army Europe band plays at the ceremony signifying the

tember will also see the closure of the Army garrison in Bamberg, although the 54th Engineer Battalion that was stationed there inactivated in April.

While some troops will remain at Schweinfurt until it is officially

shuttered on Sept. 30, the inactivation of the units signify the departure of roughly 95 percent of the base's population. Already, some 10,500 troops have left the area since the announcement of the base's closure in February 2012. Schweinfurt's mayor, Sebastian Remelé, attended both ceremonies and said the exodus of American troops is both a blessing and a curse for the area.

"It's an end of a chapter because the Americans were here for 70 years, so they were part of this city, part of this community. We had a real good relationship with the Americans, the soldiers and their families. So this is a sad moment for us," he said. "But for sure, we have to look forward - we also see a chance to develop Schweinfurt using this new area.

Proposed plans include bringing an international campus to the Ledward Barracks and an industrial park where Conn Barracks

For more photos from the inactivation ceremony, go to stripes.com/go/schweinfurt



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now stands, and building housing throughout Askreren Manor and Yorktown village.

While the town looks toward a future without the American presence, soldiers like Sgt. Maj. Stephfon Watson look back at their time in Germany with mixed feelings.

"You still got the same pride in the organization that you had the day you came into it," he said. "And

hope It's been leave it better on the a great way out the ride, and door. I think I did that: I'm really I think we proud of did that as a the soldiers team." Separatehere in the ly, the Army brigade garrison at and these Baumhold-

which battalions." er, lost its pri-Col. Scott mary tenant Peterson unit in 2012 18th Engineers at the start commander of the current round

of cuts, will inactivate on Thursday. Lt. Col. Michael Sullivan, who took over the garrison in the midst of the 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's inactivation, will relinquish command of "The Rock" at the same ceremony.

While there have been ques-tions about Baumholder's long-term prospects, the Army is still investing in infrastructure projects and base improvements. Work is expected to start soon on a project to replace a number of bachelor quarters on the garrison's Smith Barracks with more than 100 modern townhouses.

Stars and Stripes reporter Matt Millham contributed to this report. darnell.michael@stripes.com

# **ARG:** Groups operate free of constraints of host nation agreements

On this particular day, his crew was busy sending Marines and support equipment onto a beach in Djibouti as part of the initial leg of an exercise lasting several weeks, while the other ships in the ARG, the Bataan and the amphibious transport dock USS Mesa Verde, were operating elsewhere.

An ARG also works in international waters, allowing it to navigate to the shores of any crisis while being free from the constraints of complicated host nation agreements or lack of infrastructure issues that might impair the Army or Air Force's ability to operate in a foreign

"We have the whole ocean as our highway, and every beach is a potential landing area." Kuehhas

Until a decision is made on the future of ARGs, the Marine Corps and the Navy are experimenting with alternatives in light of not having enough.

"The Marines and the Navy are working closely together to find ways to be creative," said Olson, mentioning the Navy's new Mobile Landing Platform and the Military Sealift Command's Maritime Prepositioning Ship as examples of ships that can help augment the amphibious fleet.

'We are going to take all of these capabilities and put them together to project power ashore,' he said

However, those ships are not designed to do the kind of "joint forcible entry" that amphibious ships can achieve. Nonetheless, officials say they are capable of doing some "lower-end kind of things" normally done by the amphibious ships - to take stress off the Navy's amphibious fleet.

Olson said, "In the meantime, we're going to get every iota of because we know how to use them, the sailors know how to sail them and we know how to fight in

The Navy always maintains an ARG operating in the Middle East and one in the Western Pacific.

Top Navy and Marine Corps of ficials have also expressed the desire to have an ARG continuously on station in the southern part of the Asia-Pacific and another one in the Mediterranean Sea

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### **MILITARY**

# **Obama, Congress** move to address **VA** controversy

By MATTHEW DALY The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration and Congress are moving quickly to respond to a growing political firestorm over allegations of treatment delays and falsified records at veterans' hospitals nationwide.

The top official for veterans' health care resigned Friday, and House Republicans scheduled a vote for Wednesday on legislation that would give Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki greater authority to fire or demote senior executives and administrators at the agency and its 152 medical centers.

The actions came as federal investigators visited a VA hospital in suburban Chicago to look into an allegation that secret lists were used to conceal long patient wait times for appointments. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., meanwhile. called for an investigation into allegations that schedulers at a VA medical center in Albuquerque were ordered to falsify patient appointment records.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the Veterans Affairs Department is suffering from "a systemic, cultural problem" that cannot be solved with piecemeal responses. such as the resignation of a top

"What's needed is a total refocusing of the VA on its core mission of serving veterans — stretching from its top political leadership all the way through to its career civil servants," McCain said Saturday in the weekly Republican radio and Internet address.

Citing news reports that VA managers received performance bonuses even as internal audits revealed lengthy wait times for health care. McCain said top VA officials too often have been "motivated by all the wrong incen-tives and rewards."

McCain, a Vietnam veteran, said Congress must give VA administrators greater ability to hire and fire those charged with caring for veterans, as well as to give veterans greater flexibility in how they get quality care in a timely manner.

Reports of long waits for appointments and processing benefit applications have plagued the VA for years. Officials have shortened benefits backlogs, but allegations of preventable deaths that may be linked to delays at the Phoenix VA hospital have triggered an election-year uproar. A former clinic director alleged as many as 40 veterans died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix VA hospital, even as hospital staff kept a secret appointment list to mask the delays.

A VA nurse in Cheyenne, Wyo., was put on leave for allegedly telling employees to falsify appointment records. A VA investigation in December found that staffers at a Fort Collins, Colo., clinic were trained to make it appear as if veterans got appointments within 14 days, as VA guidelines suggest.

Problems also have been re-



Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki speaks Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington after testifying before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

ported in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Missouri, Texas, Florida and elsewhere.

Amid a growing outcry, the administration and Congress took steps to reassure the public that problems are being addressed.

Robert Petzel, the VA's undersecretary for health care, had been scheduled to retire this year but instead stepped down Friday. Petzel had said he would remain until the Senate confirmed a replacement, but a department official said Shinseki asked Petzel to leave immediately.

Republicans denounced the move as a hollow gesture. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, called the announcement "the pinnacle of disingenuous political doublespeak." Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said Shinseki's "reticence to hold fellow bureaucrats at the VA accountable is exactly why we need new leadership that is willing to take swift action to ensure we are living up to our promises to our nation's heroes.' Cornyn is among a handful of

Republicans who have called for Shinseki to resign. The American Legion, one of the nation's largest veterans' groups, also has called for Shinseki's resignation and called Petzel's departure "a continuation of business as usual." The White House said Presi-

dent Barack Obama supports Shinseki's decision to remove Petzel and that Obama is "committed to doing all we can to ensure our veterans have access to timely, quality health care."

Petzel's resignation came a day after he and Shinseki were grilled at a four-hour hearing of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, in which lawmakers and veteran groups expressed exasperation at long-standing problems.

In his position, Petzel oversaw what officials say is the largest health care delivery system in the U.S. The VA operates 1,700 hospitals, clinics and other facilities around the country, serving about 6.5 million veterans and other beneficiaries each year.

Miller, who wrote the legislation that the House will take up this week, said Congress must act, because the VA is "apparently unwilling to take substantive actions to hold any of its leaders accountable."

Shinseki on Thursday told senators he was "mad as hell" about allegations of severe problems and that he was looking for quick results from a nationwide audit He has rejected calls for him to

# Newspaper reports 167 cases of VA payouts after treatment delays

By JOSH SWEIGART Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

As controversy swirls around the Veterans Administration over deaths caused by delayed care, an investigation by the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News found that the VA settled many cases that appear to be related to delays in treatment.

A database of paid claims by the VA since 2001 includes 167 in which the words "delay in treatment" is used in the description. The VA paid out a total of \$36.4 million to settle those claims, either voluntarily or as part of court actions.

The VA has admitted that 23 people have died because of delayed care, and is fac-ing accusations that hospital administrators are gaming the system to conceal wait times, including using a "secret list" at the VA in Phoenix.

It's unclear in the data analyzed by the newspaper how many of the cases match the VA's definition of delayed care. But there are numerous examples, including in Dayton, where claimants allege substandard care related to lags in treatment.

The Dayton VA in 2009 paid out \$140,000 for a 2006 claim that was described as

"Failure/Delay in Admission to Hospital or Institution; Medication Administered via Wrong Route; Failure to Order Appropriate Test.

A pending \$3.5 million claim from March 2013 was filed by a man who said delayed treatment of his wife's cervical cancer resulted in her death in March 2012. The names of the veteran and her widower were redacted.

"I'm not personally aware of any deaths that were attributed to a delay in receiving care at the Dayton VA Medical Center," said Dayton VA spokesman Ted Froats.

More than 100 payments go out every year to resolve claims that veterans died due to mishaps by VA medical centers, according to an investigation conducted in partnership between this newspaper and WSB-TV in Atlanta.

The number of dead veterans could total more than 1,100 from 2001 through the first half of 2013 — including 16 at the Dayton VA Medical Center and 11 at the Cincinnati VA — according to records obtained via Freedom of Information Act.

These are instances in which the family of a veteran claimed that a death occurred after something went awry and the VA paid money to resolve the issue.

Dayton VA officials would not comment on specific cases, but did issue a statement:

"Unlike many private hospitals, in the rare instance where a situation has interfered in a patient's medical care, we sit down with the veteran to discuss what happened and notify the veteran of his or her right to file a tort claim," it says. "As with any other aspect of our facility, we believe that transparency is the best method for handling any potential conflict.

Ohio American Legion Service Director Suzette Price said this newspaper's findings were tragic, but not surprising.

'When you've got veterans that are mistreated, it's wrong," she said. "I think the whole system needs an overhaul.'

Price and the American Legion's national office believe the place to start is with the resignation of Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, especially after allegations came to light that veterans were dying at some medical centers because of delayed wait times

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, sits on the veterans affairs committee and said he has faith in Shinseki.

Brown characterized heat put on the

VA as partisan and political attacks on a health care system so massive — providing 85 million patient visits per year - that it will inevitably make mistakes.

'We know there have been problems in Dayton, at the VA center there over the years," he said. "Much of that is corrected, but the size of the VA tells me that there are always going to be some problems. We've got to continue to work on it to perfect it.'

Concerns about dangerous delays for care and VA officials gaming the system are not new, and are not isolated to Phoenix.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office in December 2012 released a review of the Dayton VA Medical center as well as VA hospitals in Montana, California and Washington, D.C. It found errors by schedulers at every hospital.

"During our site visits, staff at some clinics told us they change medical appointment desired dates to show clinic wait times within VHA's performance goals,' the report says.

The VA responded that it would revise its scheduling policy by November 2013, but that it is hampered by staffing shortages among schedulers because of turnover due to high stress and low starting pay.

### **UKRAINE UNREST**

# **Tensions threaten space station alliance**

Los Angeles Times

The escalating tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Ukraine have reached a new altitude: space.

In the aftermath of the Cold War, the two super powers set aside their mistrust and agreed to build a massive orbiting outpost as a symbol of a new era of cooperation in space exploration. That partnership is under strain.

After Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin last week said his nation might no longer allow U.S. astronauts access to its launch vehicles and may use the International Space Station without American participation, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee on Thursday pressed NASA for answers about the how the U.S. could respond.

Since the retirement of the space shuttle, Russia has provided launches for U.S. astronauts, for \$71 million each.

"Dropping out of ISS is a high-profile move on Russia's part," said Marco A. Caceres, space analyst for the aerospace research firm Teal Group Corp. of Fairfax, Va. "They're pulling the rug out from under the Americans. It's a move of national pride that plays well in Russia."

After railing against U.S. sanctions in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea, Rogozin, chief of the Russian space and defense sectors, suggested that "the U.S.A... bring their astronauts to the International Space Station using a trampoline."

Rogozin's threat is too significant for the

U.S. to ignore, said Loren B. Thompson, an aerospace and defense expert at the Lexington Institute, a Washington-based think tank. "The central assumptions of the Obama administration space policy are no longer valid." he said.

Russia has also threatened to suspend exports of rocket engines, which are used to help launch U.S. Air Force satellites. And it has threatened to suspend cooperation on navigational systems that depend on outposts in Russia.

# **Germany:** Reluctant nation a critical player in West's standoff with Russia

FROM FRONT PAGE

"In the end, no matter how you twist or turn, the crucial player in all of this is Germany," said Jan Techau, an expert on German foreign and security policy at the European center of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Brussels. "It is the one country in Europe that needs to stand firm, but the Germans are just not as firmly committed to a strong European defense posture as they should be, and this is a long-term strategic problem."

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In response to the crisis in Ukraine, German leaders have seen themselves as a sort of bridge between east and west, willing to go along with some moves against Russia but not to the extent that they damage its overall ties with Moscow. That position is increasingly being scrutinized inside Germany as more questions emerge about the long-term consequences of what could be perceived as a capitulation to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Many Germans have indulged Russia thus far," stated a recent editorial in the influential German magazine Der Spiegel. "It seemed as though a Cold War desire for equidistance had returned in recent weeks, the yearming for a neutral position between the West and the East. With all due respect for Russia and its interests, however, Germany belongs to the West, to the other democracies—even if the positions of the United States are sometimes difficult for Germans to swallow."

As a result of "German wobbliness" allies in the east, such as Poland, are getting ever more anxious about whether Europe has the stomach to stand up to Russia, Techau said.

"This is a strategic death trap," Techau said. "In order to get out of it, the Germans need to do the thing they instinctively don't want to do and that is be more robust."

The roots of German ambivalence are as varied as they are deep, ranging from contemporary economic concerns to the crippling effects of its Nazi past, analysts say.

"It's much deeper than commercial interest," Techau said.
"There's a deep distrust in self and a strong desire to not do the wrong thing. This idea of 'let's just stay out of it' catered to the need of the Germans to stay morally clean after World War II."

"The Germans don't have the confidence that, in the end, they



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U.S. paratroopers assemble on Bledowska Drop Zone, near Dabrowa Gornicza, Poland, after a joint parachute operation with Canadian paratroopers on May 5.

are on the right side of things," Techau added. "Britain, France and the U.S. have this confidence bred into their DNA. The Germans are paralyzed."

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Recent opinion polls in Germany point to a general ambivalence about how it should contend with the West's conflict with Russia. In March, an opinion survey in Germany by Infratest/dimap found that 49 percent of Germans said they wanted the country to stake out a neutral position between the West and Russia when it comes to managing the Ukrainian crisis. Only 45 percent of people preferred a position rooted on the side of the West.

"Twenty-five years after the end of the Cold War, German society may well be drifting away from the West again," Clemens Wergia, a prominent German journalist, wrote in a New York Times Oped, titled "Why Germans loves Russia." "This anti-Westernism is coming from both sides of the political spectrum."

During the Cold War, West German leaders promoted Ostpolitik, the notion that negotiating with the Soviets brought more tangible benefits, such as relaxed visits to East Germany and inter-German trade. Some of today's leaders were schooled in that era, as were those from the former East Germany, who were pro-Soviet at the time.

While Germany is conflicted over its relationship with the west, Poland — a repeated victim of German and Russian land grains and aggression that dates back hundreds of years and under the Soviet sphere of influence during the Cold War —has firmly aligned itself with its western allies. In a historical twist, it now seems to hunger for German leadership.

"Today, I fear German power least than I do German inaction," Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said in a memorable 2011 speech in Berlin that focused on the need for stronger German leadership in Europe.

As the crisis in Ukraine simgrow over the potential for Russian aggression and political meddling in other areas — another former Soviet republic, Moldova, has a breakaway region seeking union with Russia, and the Baltics also were once under the Soviet umbrella — weakness out of Germany could undermine long-term security interests in a more unpredictable Europe, analysts say.

Those security interests also are critical for the U.S., which has been closely monitoring how Germany and other European allies respond to Russia's new threats. Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel bluntly observed that the notion of permanent peace in Europe is over and that allies must commit more to their own defense.

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In an interview earlier this month with Defense One, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey said NATO must stand with its allies in the east. "It think the crisis in Ukraine is causing NATO to look back to its own backyard, and forcing it to decide whether it still has the capability and capacity to reassure is member states — especially those Eastern countries that embraced NATO as it enlarged in the 1990s — that the alliance remains credible." Dempsey said.

Techau said Germany needs to

commit to reassurance and deterrence, "which it hasn't wanted to touch."

When the U.S. dispatched paratroops from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team to conduct training missions across Poland and the Baltics after Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, Germany should have matched the effort, Techau said.

"They should have sent in troops. These are the kind of reassuring gestures that cost little and would be very seen and noted by those in Poland and the United States, as well as Russia," he said.

While Germany has taken part in some efforts — a German minesweeper recently patrolled through the Baltic Sea — such commitments have been limited.

In Poland, longtime German watchers such as Waszczykowski say the lack of action by Germany fuels suspicions about its commitment to allies.

When Polish Foreign Minister sikorski recently urged NATO to send two heavy brigades of troops to his country as part of an eastward realignment of forces, Waszczykowski pointed out, the dieda was shot down by German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who made public statements that such a move would be a violation of agreements between NATO and Russia.

"It was Steinmeier who answered that this is impossible," he said.

Russia maintains that any substantial deployment of NATO forces into eastern Europe would be a violation of the 1997 Founding Act between NATO and Moscow, which puts limitations on troop deployments in the east. Some NATO allies argue Russia voided the agreement with its annexation of Crimea.

Germany isn't alone in the desire not to push too hard on Russia, a major natural gas supplier to Europe. France, for example, has announced it will press forward with long-planned military contracts with Moscow despite U.S. opposition. While the U.S. has pushed for tougher sanctions, Europe has generally balked.

But it is the deeper, long-standing German ambivalence about confronting threats now in Europe's backyard that have rattled some allies. Where will Germany stand if unrest in Ukraine, much of which involves pro-Russian masked gummen, starts to ripple to other places with large Russian populations?

"I don't know the answer to that," Waszczykowski said. "I do know it is easier to deter aggression than to fight the aggressor. This is a crucial time."

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### NATION

# Ky.'s Senate candidates laying claim to change

By Adam Beam The Associated Press

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FRANKLIN, Ky. - In this small Kentucky town near the Tennessee border, where registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans by 2 to 1, Alison Lundergan Grimes and Mitch McConnell had the same message: change.

For Grimes, it is changing Kentucky's senator, who she criticized for voting against raising the minimum wage and blocking measures that would ensure women are paid the same salaries as men for equal work.



ate to Republican control and putting him in charge of stopping a president's agenda that he says has devastated Kentucky's coal industry and upended the country's health care system. "If you want to change America, the

first step is to change the Senate," McConnell said Saturday in Franklin. "We're not happy with what's been going on the last six years and we want to begin to take our country back, and the place to start is right here in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

McConnell and his allies are already running television ads comparing Grimes to President Barack Obama, whose disapproval rating in Kentucky is at or above 60 percent.

"Nothing about this election is going to



change who the presi-dent is." Grimes said in an interview, calling herself a "fierce opponent" to Obama's new emission standards for coal-fired power plants, a big issue in Kentucky's coalfields. "But Kentuckians do realize that we can finally change who is in

Washington D.C.' Facing minimal opposition, Tuesday's primary is expected to result in a victory lap for Grimes as she seeks to rally her base heading into November. The election is tricky for McConnell, who has a comfortable lead over Louisville businessman Matt Bevin but could lose some 30 percent of Republican voters to other GOP candidates



paddle boarder watches Friday as two firefighting helicopters take on water from the Pacific Ocean off San Clemente, Calif.

# Weary crews gird for long wildfire season

By Elliot Spagat The Associated Press

ESCONDIDO, Calif. - The last of tens of thousands of evacuees returned home Saturday after firefighters scoured charred hillsides north of San Diego to guard against a resurgence of flames that ripped through the region last week.

For those battling a series of blazes for days, the relief was mixed with a sense of dread that drought-sapped vegetation, high temperatures and low humidity portend a long fire season ahead.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has responded to more than 1,500 fires this year, compared with about 800 during an average year.

"Normally, I don't even put wildfire gear in my vehicle until the end of April. This year, I never took it out," Kirk Kushen, battalion chief of the Kern County Fire Department, said at a base camp in Escondido. "We never really completed the 2013 fire season. It's been a continuation.'

At least 10 fires spanning 39 square miles have chewed a destructive path through San Diego County since Tuesday, destroying 11 houses, an 18-unit apartment complex and two businesses. A badly burned body was found in a transient camp, and one firefighter suffered heat exhaustion.

The first blaze was caused by a spark from construction equipment, according to state officials, but it could take months to get to the bottom of the most damaging fires. Alberto Serrato, 57, pleaded not guilty Friday to an arson charge in connection with one of the smaller fires, but authorities say they don't believe he started it, just added brush to it. In the Central California city of Modesto,

a fire fueled by hot weather and high winds on Friday quickly spread to a row of town houses, destroying three of the structures and damaging six others. Authorities said the blaze started on the grassy berm of a freeway project frequented by homeless people

Ocean breezes and lower temperatures Saturday aided firefighters, who focused on a 1.000-acre blaze on the Camp Pendleton Marine base and a 4-square-mile blaze that started in the suburb of San Marcos.

Firefighters doused remaining hot spots with hoses and water-filled backpacks, sawed large logs and raked soil with shovels and other hand tools to ensure the ground was moist enough to prevent fires from returning.

Kushen, who was working his 10th straight day and was nearly 27 hours into his shift as his team prepared to go rest at a hotel, saw between 15 and 20 destroyed houses or other structures while combing the hills in and around San Marcos for smoke and smoldering brush.

San Marcos, a suburb of 85,000 people where strip malls and new housing tracts mix with older homes, slowly returned to normal as more roadblocks were removed.

"It's such a wonderful blessing to be back," Jamie Williams said as he unloaded three bags of clothing from his car that he took when ordered to evacuate Wednesday night. "It was almost a teary-eyed kind of

# In Ga. race, Republicans crying foul over taxes

By Christina A. Cassidy The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Former Dollar General CEO David Perdue says his chief rivals in the GOP race for Georgia's open Senate seat are falsely accusing him of being the worst kind of Republican - one who wants

to raise taxes. "Of all the deceitful and false accusations that have been coming my way this is absolutely the most outrageous," Perdue said Saturday during the final debate before Tuesday's primary. While Perdue of-

fered a previous pledge not to increase taxes as evidence of his standing on the issue, Rep. Jack Kingston said it wasn't enough. Kingston and others have accused Perdue of supporting





higher taxes after Perdue, who is leading in polls, said a few days ago that increas ing revenue as well as cutting spending is needed to address the country's fiscal problems The Georgia race



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#### NATION

# **MERS** spreads to another person in US

Ву Міке Ѕтовве The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Health officials reported Saturday what appears to be the first time that a mysterious Middle East virus has spread from one person to another in the United States.

The Illinois man probably picked up an infection from an Indiana man who earlier this month became the first U.S. case of Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS. The Illinois man, however, never needed medical treatment and is reported to be feeling well,

officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The two men met twice before the Indiana man fell ill and was hospitalized in Munster, Ind. shortly after traveling from Saudi Arabia, where he lived and was employed as a health care worker. Health officials say they think the virus spread during a 40-minute business meeting that involved no more contact than a handshake.

"We don't think this changes the risk to the general public, which remains low, said Dr. David Swerdlow, of the CDC.

The new report also is not con-

sidered evidence that the virus is spreading more easily among people than previously thought, he

The virus is not considered to be highly contagious, and health officials believe it only spreads from person to person with close contact. Many of those who have gotten sick in the Middle East have been family members or health care workers caring for a MERS patient.

The CDC said tests completed Friday provided evidence that the Illinois man had an infection at some point. Since the first man's diagnosis, health officials have been monitoring and testing anyone who was in close contact with him, including health care workers and household members, but none of the rest of them has tested positive for the virus.

A second U.S. illness was confirmed last week in a 44-year-old man from Saudi Arabia who was visiting Florida.

Saudi Arabia has been at the center of an outbreak of MERS that began two years ago. The MERS virus has been found in camels, but officials don't know how it is spreading to humans.

Overall, about 600 people have had the respiratory illness, and about 175 people have died. All had ties to the Middle East region or to people who traveled there. There is no vaccine or cure and there's no specific treatment ex-cept to relieve symptoms, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Not all those exposed to the virus become ill.

MERS belongs to the corona-virus family that includes the common cold and SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which caused some 800 deaths globally in 2003.

# Improved school lunches costly

By Jamie Stengle The Associated Press

DALLAS - Industrial blenders mix up smoothies for students in New York while some schools in California are adding salad bars. In Dallas, campus cafeterias use pass-through coolers and warmers to make sure the food is just right before it's served.

School districts across the country have made such upgrades in recent years as a way to entice children into healthier eating habits amid higher nutrition standards

Paving for the makeovers poses a challenge for many districts, as heavy demand for a limited amount of federal money means schools must fund the projects on their own.

The Dallas Independent School District, which is the 14th-largest in the nation, has used a variety of methods — including a \$20 million bond program, a \$372,000 federal grant and about \$5 million from its budget — to improve about 90 kitchens over the last several years. Another 20 schools are in line.

Federal grants exist but the dollars are scarce. In 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered about \$100 million for school kitchen upgrades and received requests from almost 25,000 schools at a price of \$640 million. Since then, the allotment has shrunk significantly: \$25 million in 2010 and \$11 million last year. In April, \$25 million in grants were announced



Cafeteria supervisor Karen Craft shows off the new walk-in refrigerator/freezer in the cafeteria at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas in April.

Among the new standards, schools must offer more whole grains, fruit and vegetables. That means districts are seeking more refrigeration space to store large stocks of produce — such as walk-in refrigerators and freezers — as well as processors that slice and dice large amounts of food more quickly.

The improvements at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, which were funded by bonds and the district, are making a difference. On a recent morning, the cafeteria crew retrieved food from their new walk-in fridge as they prepared items such as fish, oranges, cucumber salad and baked beans.

"They've made my life a whole lot better," cafeteria supervisor Karen Craft said. "We love the new

# Law lets patients try unproven drugs

The Associated Press

DENVER - Nick Auden didn't live to see the legislation, but the case of the Colorado melanoma patient who died while seeking access to an experimental drug helped inspire a first-of-its kind law.

The "Right To Try" law allows terminally ill patients to obtain experimental drugs without getting federal approval. It's a proposal being advanced in several U.S. states by patient advocates who are frustrated by the yearslong federal approval process for experimental drugs in the pipeline.

"There are experimental drugs out there that can and do save lives, and access needs to be expanded.' said Auden's widow, Amy Auden. Nick Auden died in November at age 41 after unsuccessfully lobbying two drug companies to use an experimental treatment outside of clinical trials.

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Sat-urday signed Colorado's "Right To Try" bill, which was passed unan-

imously in the state Legislature. Similar bills await governors

signatures in Louisiana and Missouri, and Arizona voters will decide in November whether to set up a similar program in that state.

Supporters call it a ray of hope for dying patients trying to navigate the bureaucracy of existing "compassionate use" guidelines for obtaining drugs outside clini-cal trials. Skeptics call "Right To Try" a feel-good campaign that won't help dying patients.

The law doesn't require drug companies to provide any drug outside federal parameters, and there's no indication pharmaceutical companies will do so.

A 2003 lawsuit to force the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expand the availability of investigational drugs failed. A federal judge disagreed that terminally ill people have a right to access to investigational medicine, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider an appeal.

### US works to help contain coffee crisis in Central America

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is stepping up efforts to help Central American farmers fight a devastating coffee disease and hold down the price of your morning cup.

At issue is a fungus called coffee rust that has caused more than \$1 billion in damage across the Latin American region. The fungus is especially deadly to Arabica coffee, the bean that makes up most high-end, specialty coffees.

Already it is affecting the price of some of those coffees in the United States.

"We are concerned because we know coffee rust is already causing massive amounts of devastation," said Raj Shah, head of the U.S. Agency for International

On Monday, he was expected to announce a \$5 million partnership with Texas A&M University's World Coffee Research center to try to eliminate the fungus.

The government isn't doing that just to protect our \$4 specialty coffees, as much as Americans love them. The chief concern is about the economic security of those small farms abroad. If farmers lose their jobs, it increases hunger and poverty in the region and contributes to violence and drug trafficking.

Washington estimates that production could be down anywhere from 15 percent to 40 percent in coming years, and that those losses could mean as many as 500,000 people could lose their jobs



Coffee producer Hector Perez shows beans damaged by the roya fungus in San Gaspar Vivar, atemala. in February 2013.



Single dad Danny Goodman finds himself unable to afford the private school his teenage daughter adores and accepts a loan that brings the DEA into his life and leads to an impossible choice: indictment for accepting drug money or an unthinkably treacherous undercover assignment.

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#### WORLD

# Rogue Libyan general's troops attack parliament

The Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libva - Forces loyal to a rogue Libyan general attacked the country's parliament Sunday, expanding his eastern offensive against Islamists into the heart of the country's capital. The attack forced lawmakers to flee under a barrage of heavy

The troops of Gen. Khalifa Hifter targeted Islamist lawmakers and officials, his spokesman, Mohammed al-Hegazi, told Libva's al-Ahrar television station. Al-Hegazi said Hifter blames the officials for allowing extremist forces to exert unrivalled influence in the country.

"This parliament is what supports these extremist Islamist entities," al-Hegazi told the station. 'The aim was to arrest these Islamist bodies who wear the cloak

Al-Hegazi said forces loyal to Hifter met resistance from militias he accused of "holding the country hostage." He called the

Gunfire near parliament could be heard for miles around. Smoke billowed from a distance over the parliament building, as witnesses said the attacking forces shelled the building from the southern edge of the city.

A spokesman for the Libyan Revolution Operation Room, an umbrella group of militia groups who answer to the interim parliament and are in charge of the security in the capital, said fighters engaged the attackers but there were no reports of casualties. Forces loyal to the interim parliament set up checkpoints around the parliament, sending journalists away.

The spokesman said the attacking forces are suspected mem-bers of the al-Qaaqaa and Sawaaq militias, the largest in the capital. While they operate under a government mandate, they back the non-Islamist political forces.

The two groups have before given parliament an ultimatum to dissolve after its mandate expired lawmakers if they refused. They never carried out their threats, though the parliament vowed to hold elections later this year.

The bases of the al-Qaaqaa and Sawaaq militias are near the parliament.

A security official said the attackers also shelled a nearby military base controlled by an Islamist militia. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief journalists.

Lawmakers say security officials evacuated them from the building out of fears it would be stormed

Libya's parliament is divided between Islamist and non-Is-lamist forces who have bickered over appointing a new govern-ment and holding new elections. Rival militias, which wield the real power in Libya, have lined up behind competing political factions. Recently, Islamists forces backed the naming of a new prime minister, amid walkouts from the non-Islamist groups.



People paddle boats down a flooded street in Obrenovac, Serbia, on Sunday. Flooding has forced more than 20,000 people in Serbia from their homes.

# Bosnia floods create new land mine risk in Balkans

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Record-high floods and landslides have swept away people, homes and roads in the Balkans over the past week, but in Bosnia another deadly menace is hiding in the flood rubble: land

Authorities have spent two decades trying to unearth the 1 million land mines planted during Bosnia's 1992-95 war. Before the floods, nearly 120,000 remained in 9,416 marked minefields.

Then floods washed away river banks and fueled landslides that have unearthed minefield warning signs and, in many cases, the un-exploded booby traps themselves. An official at Bosnia's Mine Ac-

tion Center, Sasa Obradovic, said his agency would deploy minehunting scouts starting Monday. The unearthing of mines in

Bosnia could create an international problem as floodwaters carry the weapons downstream. Experts warn that mines could

travel through half of southeast Europe or get stuck in the turbines of a hydroelectric dam. "We will work with Croatia and

Serbia on the problem," Obra-

#### Officials say bombings in Iraq kill 11 people

BAGHDAD - A series of bombings in Iraq, mainly at mar-kets and commercial streets. killed 11 people Sunday, officials

Police officials said the deadliest attack took place shortly before sunset when a bomb exploded at an outdoor market in the town of Mahmoudiyah, killing four people and wounding 12.

A bomb blast at an outdoor market in Baghdad's eastern suburb of Maamil killed three shoppers and wounded seven, police said. In western Baghdad, police said a bomb blast in a commer-cial street killed two people and wounded seven.

In the northern city of Mosul, police said a car bomb exploded near an army patrol in the northern city of Mosul, killing two sol-diers and wounding four.

#### Report: 24 detained in Turkish mine disaster

ISTANBUL - Two dozen people, including company executives, have been detained as Turkish officials investigate the mining disaster that killed 301 people, a domestic news agency reported Sunday.

The Dogan news agency said Ramazan Dogru, general manager of the mine owned by Soma Holding, and its operations manager, Akin Celik, were among the 24 detained. It said prosecutors were weighing charges of negligence and contributing to the deaths of more than one person.

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#### WORLD

# Vietnam-China tensions rising on the high seas

By HAU DINH The Associated Press

ABOARD A VIETNAMESE COAST GUARD SHIP — Each day the Vietnamese ships tried to get close to the rig, and each day they were driven back by the much larger Chinese ships.

But before they sped away, laboring engines spewing black smoke, the Vietnamese delivered a message: "Attention! Attention! We are warning you about your provocative act," blasted out a recording from a loudspeaker in Vietnamese, Chinese and English. "We demand you respect Vietnam's sovereignty. Please immediately halt your activities and leave Vietnamese."

Occasionally colliding with or firing water cannons at each other, Vietnamese and Chinese ships have been shadow boxing in a sun-dazzled patch of the South China Sea since May 1, when Beijing parked a hulking, S1 billion deep sea oil rig, drawing a furious response from Vietnam.

Ten times smaller than its northern neighbor and dependent on it economically, Vietnam needs all the help it can get in the dispute. Its leaders believe international opinion is on their side. Last week they invited foreign journalists to get a closer look at the standoff, the most serious escalation between the countries

in years over their overlapping claims.

Vietnam is determined to defend what it regards as its sovereign territory against China, which insists that most of the South China Sea — including the Paracel Islands it took from U.S.backed South Vietnam in 1974 belongs to it. Hanoi lacks options in dealing with Beijing as China uses it burgeoning economic and military might to press its claims in the seas.

Vietnam has accused Chinese vessels of deliberately and dangerously ramming its ships. TV footage recorded last week from a Vietnamese ship showed a Chinese vessel smashing into the stern of the Vietnamese ship then backing up and ramming it again, damaging its side.

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday released three photographs purportedly showing a Vietnamese vessel ramming a Chinese maritime ship. The media onboard last week did not witness any ramming.

"It is not that we want to be in confrontation with the Chinese, but it's our duty to carry out daily patrols in Vietnamese territory, said Col. Le Trung Thanh, the skipper of the Vietnamese coast guard ship 4033. "We want to get close to the rig to persuade them that their actions are illegal and



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An officer aboard a Vietnam coast guard vessel films a Chinese coast guard vessel sailing in the waters claimed by both countries in the South China Sea.

It is not that we want to be in confrontation with the Chinese, but it's our duty to carry out daily patrols in Vietnamese territory.

Col. Le Trung Thanh skipper of Vietnamese coast guard ship

they must leave Vietnam's water unconditionally."

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That seems unlikely, however many patrol boats Hanoi sends to the area or however much pleads its case to the world. For China, a withdrawal would signal weakness.

Beijing has said it plans to keep the rig until August. While most analysts think neither side has any interest in an armed conflict, the longer the confrontation lasts, the greater the risk of an unplanned incident that could lead to a shooting match.

China has set up a 6.21-mile exclusion zone around the rig, which was visible on the horizon. On occasion, Chinese surveillance planes flew over the Vietnamese vessels. Both sides have deployed dozens of vessels, mostly coast guard and fisheries protection fleets. At least one of the Chinese ships had cannons, which were

uncovered.

In 1974, China ousted the South Vietnam navy from the Paracel Islands, close to where the rig is currently deployed, killing 75 South Vietnamese sailors. The two countries fought a brief but bloody border war in 1979. In 1988, 64 Vietnamese sailors were killed in another skirmish in the nearby Spratly Islands, where territorial spats between China and the Philippines have recently heated up.

As the latest standoff plays out on high seas, Hanoi's Communist government has been struggling to contain rising popular anger against China, never far from the surface in Vietnam. Protesters last week vandalized foreignowned factories and killed at least one Chinese national, further inflaming the situation.

# N. Korea apologizes for building collapse

By Jung-Yoon Choi The Associated Press

SEQUIL, South Korea — North Korean officials offered a rare public apology for the collapse of an apartment building under construction in Pyongyang, which a South Korean official said was believed to have caused considerable casualties that could mean hundreds might have dies.

The word of the collapse in the secretive nation's capital was reported Sunday morning by the North's official Korean Central News Agency, which gave no death toll but said the accident was "serious" and upset North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un.

The report said it occurred in the capital's Phyongchon district on Tuesday "as the construction of an apartment house was not done properly and officials supervised and controlled it in an irresponsible manner." In Seoul, a South Korean gov-

In Seoul, a South Korean government official speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information said



JON CHOL JIN/AP

Families of victims of an accident at an apartment construction site in Pyongyang, North Korea, grieve during a gathering in the capital Saturday.

the 23-story apartment building that collapsed was presumed to have housed 92 families.

ave housed 92 families. That could mean the casualties could be in the hundreds because a typical North Korean family has four members. However, it was not clear that all the residents were inside at the time of the collapse or that four people lived in each apartment.

It is not unusual for people to start living in apartments before the construction is complete.

The official said he did not have any figure for the actual death toll.

According to the KCNA report, the rescue operation ended Saturday, and officials apologized to bereaved families and district residents.

On the streets of Pyongyang on Sunday, residents expressed out-

"Trage over the incident."
"This accident happened because they broke the rules and
methods of construction," resident Pak Cho Idod The Associated Press. "After this accident, we
must make sure that this kind eterrible accident never happens
again by sticking to the proper
method of building."



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# Was Brown decision worth it?

By Robin Washington
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

A 90 years old and not traveling much, Jack Greenberg didn't make the NAACP's symposium anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown . Board of Education decision. But the former head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund still teaches at Columbia Law School and follows the nation's civil rights laws to the minutest detail.

So he was familiar with the court's ruling in April upholding a Michigan constitution- al amendment through which voters turned back affirmative-action programs, and answered unhesitatingly when I called him at his home in New York.

By their logic in the Michigan case, I asked, would the justices find slavery constitutional if voters decided to approve it? "Yes," he said without missing a beat —

then added, "well, maybe not slavery."

What made me think I could lead this

One of three surviving members of arguably the greatest legal team ever, Greenberg was hired by Thurgood Marshall to help draft and argue the landmark case that overturned legalized segregation on May 17, 1954. An unqualified legal victory, its legacy is also marked by foot-dragging and intransigence.

"Nobody did anything they weren't forced to do," Greenberg said of states and school districts refusing to desegregate, resistance that he says had nothing to do with the court's vague timetable of achieving it "with all deliberate speed" and everything to do with racism.

"They weren't going slowly. They just weren't doing anything," he said. "So you tell them to do something, and they'll say no, they won't do it, and they'll litigate for three or four years, and then the whole educational system is turned inside out.

One of the first places to suffer that upheaval was Little Rock, Ark., where federal troops were mobilized to quell violent mobs



From left, George E.C. Hayes, Thurgood Marshall and James M. Nabrit join hands outside the Supreme Court in Washington on May 17, 1954, when the Supreme Court decided unanimously that "separate but equal" education denied black children their constitutional right to equal protection under the law.

at Central High School in 1957. At the Fort Lauderdale symposium last week, Ernest Green recalled how an initial cadre of 25 black students volunteering to integrate the high school shrank to "The Little Rock Nine," of which he was one.

"There's a long line of people who would tell you how much they supported (integration) in 1957, but that wasn't true," he said. "It was difficult to be standing there by yourself."

Yet it was also difficult to tolerate inequity, Green said, adding that before he enrolled, "I thought, What the hell could they be doing in that (school) building that was four times the size of our building?"

Moderating the forum was Harvard Law School professor Charles Ogletree, who read from Chief Justice Earl Warren's 1954 decision describing education as "the very foundation of good citizenship" and "a right which must be made available to all on equal terms."

Panelist Judith Browne-Dianis, of the civil rights group The Advancement Project, said that equality has yet to be achieved.

"The fact that schools and adults still see (children of color) as inferior, that is something that we haven't fixed yet," she said.

Backing her up is a federal Department of Education study released in March showing black K-12 students 3½ times more likely to receive out-of-school suspensions than their white peers — a disparity many attribute to a perception of black children as more violent or disobedient than white.

Released last week is another study, "Brown at 60," from the Civil Rights Project at UCLA, proclaiming "great progress, a long retreat and an uncertain future" since the decision.

"The (current) Supreme Court has fundamentally changed desegregation law, and many major court orders have been dropped," the report reads, citing recent rulings that have chipped away at Brown. "Our statistical analysis shows that segregation increased substantially after the plans were terminated in many large districts."

With that dire an assessment, was it all worth it? To any sane person, of course it was. In education, millions of students of all races have made unparalleled achievement under reforms begun by Brown, and the removal of societal indignities such as separate drinking fountains and Jim Crow travel—to say nothing of being lynched for attempting to vote—goes to the heart of fulfilling the promise of America.

But it takes time, and constant, determined agitation, a sharp-witted 90-year-old on the phone from New York reminds me.

"There's always reason to be despondent," he says, "and there's always a reason for hope."

Robin Washington, of Duluth, Minn., produced Jithe PBS documentary "You Don't Have to Ride Jith Crowl" about the Supreme Court's 1946 Morgan v. Virginia decision, one of the NAACP-litigated cases laying the groundwork for Brown v. Board of Education.

# Grading Common Core curriculum

By Jay Ambrose

ommon Core is a brave, new issue that maybe hasn't come your way yet, and so let's sum it up. It is a mathematically weak, humanities-jabbing, ideologically inebriated, innovation-squashing, sparsely tested and therefore unproven scheme to dramatically change the educational lives of tens of millions of American children in grades K-12. You might want to study it some.

If you do, you will find that many of those

defending it with teeth-bared animosity not only are amiss in the kinds of tests they want thrown at students, but could not themselves pass a test on what this thing is really all about. Some make it sound, for instance, as if

there was loads of grass-roots discussion as states figured out new English and math evaluation standards meant to ensure students could handle college or jobs before graduating from high school. That's false.

It's true that states were concerned about too many having low standards and wanted to do something significant about the decadeslong issue of students not matching up with those in other developed countries. But Diane Ravitch, one of the country's most highly respected education experts, notes there was "minimal public engagement" as the work on a single standard was mostly done by a nonprofit group called Achieve

Inc., along with the National Governors Association.

The cheerleaders then say Common Core was wholly voluntary with the 44 states that signed on, which is also false unless by "voluntary" you don't count bribes to make a state says "yes" and punishment if it says "no." The Obama administration played a huge role here, giving millions to the agreeable states and delivering swift kicks when a state like Indiana decided it wasn't going to participate, after all. In that case, said the government, you will again be subject to the accountability costs of the No Child Left Behind education law.

The next mistake of some Common Core advacates is to say most opposition comes from tea party, ultra-conservative ignoramus types. On top of the bigotry, what where is a failure to notice opponents like Ravitch, who has noted there is no empirically reliable information on how this wast new project will affect our children.

Other critical experts whose names I first ran across in a single article on the subject. Andrew Porter, of the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, who says Common Core standards are not the kinds of standards found in countries that do better; Tom Loveless, a Brookings Institution fellow who says the standards will do little to nothing to boost achievement; and James Milgram, a Stanford professor who is highly

critical of Common Core math standards.

One other place where Common Core advocates get things wrong is in saying states do not have to adopt the recommended curriculum. They mostly do if they want their students to do well on the tests and their teachers to squeeze through their own evaluations. And sadly, these recommendations include pushing arts and classical literature to the side.

The argument here is not solely between liberals and conservatives. Many mostly liberal teachers unions aren't overly happy with Common Core and some big-name conservatives and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are delighted. I hope those conservatives were not impressed by dubious promises of how Common Core would improve our economy and that they did not somehow believe it was representative democracy at work when most state legislatures did not even vote on states adopting the program, leaving acceptance to bureaucrats.

What everyone might focus on right now is how implementation is proving a massive, expensive headache in some parts of the country; that once the implementing is done, change will be difficult; and how state and local educational creativity could then go poof.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for McClatchy-Tribune.

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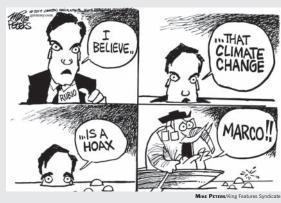
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"Rudy" (1993): Sean

Astin stars as Daniel E. "Rudy" Ruettiger,

a small-statured

Midwesterner who

dreams of playing for

the Notre Dame Fighting

Irish. Against all odds, he

gets the chance to suit

up for the final game of

Jon Hamm, right, plays a sports agent in the movie "Million Dollar Arm," which starts in some installation theaters May 23.

# Jon Hamm talks new baseball flick, the ending of 'Mad Men'

By COLIN COVERT Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

movie about a hustling Los Angeles sports agent poaching the ranks of India's cricket leagues one's cup of tea. But when Jon Hammyothe Scup of tea. But when Jon Hamm got the script for "Million Dollar Arm," he saw a rich, textured story, part drama and part comedy, that meshes sports with themes of personal redemption and even international harmony.

Filming for a month in India "was new, it was different, it was exciting, it was intimidating, it was chaotic, all of those really wonderful things," Hamm said by phone recently.

There were challenges, from sweltering heat, to impassable traffic, to digestive disasters for the U.S. crew ("It was a big, serious condition" he escaped through a strict regimen of rice, lentils and beer). For a few patience-testing weeks, the production's Indian footage vanished into a morass of customs office bureaucracy before it finally resurfaced. Despite it all, Hamm declares himself "very, very proud" of the result.

Hamm has had some memorable film supporting roles — he played a hard-charging FBI agent in Ben Affleck's bank-robbery thriller "The Town" — and some less so. Playing his first lead in a family-oriented Disney sports movie was the ideal move at a time when his seven-season run on "Mad Men" is entering its final stretch.

Hamm said the finality of the series' end has sunk in. "Very much so. We're all aware that this is the beginning of the end. It's a slow-motion train crash, but we are all aware of it."

"Mad Men" raised Hamm, 43, from a journeyman actor to serious fame in his late 30s. It also locked him into a dark, antiheroic role as 1960s ad agency manipulator Don Draper, who he calls "maybe not the most wholesome person on the planet."

"Tve been incredibly fortunate and humbled to have the opportunities that I've been given," Hamm said, and he's now grateful for the chance to show that "I can do a lot of different things. As an actor, you're trying not to be pigeonholed."

"Million Dollar Arm" is about second

#### Sports fantasies that came true

Making baseball pitchers out of cricket bowlers — yes, that's what the guys who throw the ball are called — is a daunting task worthy of being made into a movie. But the story of J.B. Bernstein, Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel isn't the only cinematic tale of real-life unlikely athletes. Here are five more.

--- Newsday/MCT



"Cool Runnings" (1993): There's plenty of grass in Jamaica, but no snow. That didn't stop four would-be Olympians and the (fictional) disgraced American bobsiedder (John Candy) coaching them.



"Pride" (2007): In 1970s inner-city Philadelphia, former competitive swimmer Jim Ellis, now with the city's parks and rec, has only an empty, dilapidated pool to work with, and kids who would rather play basketball than form one of the first African-American swim teams



"Seabiscuit" (2003):
He was undersized and
knobby-kneed, and his
jockey was blind in one
eye. Yet, the thoroughbred Seabiscuit and
his rider, Red Pollard
(Tobey Maguire), made
horse-racing history in
the 1930s.

his senior year.



"The World's Fastest Indian" (2005):
As in Indian-brand motorcycles. Burt Munro (Anthony Hopkins) — in his 60s — set the first of three motorcycle speed

chances. Hamm plays real-life sports agent J.B. Bernstein, who believed he could find pro baseball pitching prospects in a country without ballparks. In 2008, he staged an "American Idol"-like contest across India and found two phenoms. When he brought them to the U.S. to try out before major-league scouts, however, his scheme began to unravel. Not until the driven deal-maker saw the dubious impact he had on the young men's lives could he make amends and prevail.

In the character-rich screenplay, by Tom McCarthy of "Up," "baseball is a part of this story, but it's not the only part of the story. It's mostly a story about relationships and how this experience changed this man's life, 'Hamm said. 'He didn't set out to have a life-altering experience; he set out to try to make some money. But it did in fact alter his life in a profound way. That's what drew me to it. The emotional core of the story really lands. It's not just a sports movie, just a baseball movie, just any kind of a movie. It's a good movie."

Hamm's next film won't arrive until spring or summer of 2015. "The Minions" is a prequel to the animated "Despicable Me" films, "and I'm very excited to be part of that world."

# 'Halo' TV series, 'Halo 5' game launching in 2015

Microsoft announced plans Friday to release the video game sequel "Halo 5: Guardians" for the Xbox One and a "Halo" television series to be produced by Steven Spielberg in fall 2015. The next entry in the sci-fi shooter series starring super-soldier Master Chief will runs at 60 frames per second on a new engine created by "Halo" developer 343 Studios.

"'Halo 5: Guardians' is obviously a big deal for us," said Frank O'Comnor, franchise development director at 343. "It's the next chapter in the Master Chief saga. It's also a big deal for us because of the transition to the Xbox One platform. All of the 'Halo' games — more or less — have added something to the Xbox ecosystem."

Bonnie Ross, general manager at 343 Studios, noted that additional plans this year for the "Halo" franchise would be announced June 9 at Microsoft's presentation at the Electronic Entertainment Expo.

# Beyonce, Jay Z, Solange moving past attack video

Jay Z, Beyonce and Solange say "families have problems and we're no different" after a video leaked of Beyonce's sister attacking the rap mogul in a hotel elevator.

In an exclusive statement to The Associated Press on Thursday, the trio said they have worked through their differences and moved on since the video emerged this week showing Solange kicking Jay Z as Beyonce looked on.

"As a result of the public release of the elevator security footage from Monday, May 5th, there has been a great deal of speculation about what triggered the unfortunate incident. But the most important thing is that our family has worked through it," the statement said. "Jay and Solange each assume their share of responsibility for what has occurred. They both acknowledge their role in this private matter that has played out in the public. They both have apologized to each other and we have moved forward as a unitted family."

#### Other news

- Kim Kardashian and Kanye West will marry and host a reception at Flor-ence, Italy's imposing 16th century Belvedere Fort on May 24, a spokeswoman at the Florence mayor's office said Friday. The couple rented the fort, located next to Florence's famed Boboli Gardens, for \$410,000. A Protestant minister will preside, spokeswoman Elisa Di Lupo told The Associated Press in a phone interview.
- Former "Scandal" star Columbus Short has pleaded not guilty to felony battery for a fight that seriously injured a man at a West Hollywood, Calif., restaurant earlier this year. Short appeared in court for a brief arraignment hearing on the case filed after he was accused of punching a man at the restaurant in March.
- The Foo Fighters said Thursday it will show the making of its new album in a series on HBO. The series will feature the group recording one song in eight cities. The show and album will premiere in the fall. Bandleader Dave Groll will direct the series. He received critical acclaim last year for his directorial debut, the music documentary "Sound City."
- On Wednesday night, Rush Limbaugh received the Children's Choice Book Award for author of the year. The commentator won for "Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims."

From The Associated Press

### AMERICAN ROUNDUP

# Deemed a threat, escaped emu is killed

PLATTSMOUTH — A 6-foot emu that was running loose for weeks in Cass County has been killed by Plattsmouth police.

KETV reported the emu named Lucy was shot near Rhylander Park by police after officers determined she posed a public safety threat

Plattsmouth Police Chief Steve Rathman said the emu had migrated into the city and had become more of a threat to citizens.

Lucy's owner of 10 years, Marvin Vogler, said she was wild. He said he unsuccessfully tried to recapture her for weeks and at one point asked for the help of several high school runners, but no one could catch her.

Emus are typically curious, shy birds, but they have strong legs and sharp claws that can make them dangerous if they become defensive.

#### Teen arrested after tweets about rape

MIRAMAR — A South Florida teen was arrested after tweeting about rape.

Miami police said a 15-yearold Miramar boy tweeted to them "I'm bout to rape a lil girl" then "I've been out here taking little girls and I hear no sirens."

Police said Friday that when they arrived, the boy told detectives he was "just joking," but officers weren't amused. The boy was arrested and charged with making a false police report.

The Miami Herald reported it's the second recent Twitter-related arrest in South Florida. A firefighter was arrested earlier this month after posting pornographic images of underage girls.

# Man charged with tattooing girl, 12

PA CENTERVILLE — A Pennsylvania man has been charged with tattooing a smiley face and a derogatory word on a 12-year-old girl's arm.

State police said Randall Charlton III tattooed the girl's left forearm Wednesday night in a Centerville home while she was spending the night.

He faces charges of felony aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a minor, corruption of minors, simple assault and tatooing a minor.

tooing a minor.

Police said he tattooed the derogatory word above the smiley face.

According to online court records, Charlton was unable to post \$20,000 bail and is confined in Crawford County prison.

# Prom goes on for teens affected by wildfire

FRITCH — Prom dresses by the dozen have been donated to students in the Texas Panhandle whose homes and possessions were lost in a wildfire.

The Sanford-Fritch High School prom was held Saturday THE CENSUS

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The number of years a radio show in Iowa has been hosted by Dottie Ray. Tuesday's airing of "The Dottie Ray Show" was the final segment that Ray, 91, of Eagle Grove, will broadcast. The show first aired Sept. 4, 1959, and began as a scripted program with scheduled guests and topics such as water conservation. When a booked guest didn't show up one day, Ray ad-libbed a story about her father and completely changed the direction of her show.





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# Training time

Horse trainer Lauryn Zepeda works Friday with Gringo, a mustang, in Bolivia, N.C. Zepeda utilizes the clicker tool method that disciplines animals through positive reinforcement.

night — less than a week after a wildfire burned about 4 square miles near Fritch.

Texas A&M Forest Service officials said about 225 homes were destroyed in the fire that broke out last Sunday about 30 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Superintendent Jim McClellan said Saturday that more than 40 students in the Sanford-Fritch Independent School District lost their residences.

McClellan said four or five girls needed prom dresses, but more than 100 dresses were donated after word spread.

Individuals and businesses also donated tuxedos and flowers for about a dozen prom-bound

#### Cabbie suspended over swastika armband

NEW YORK — A New York City cab driver who wore a swastika armband while on the job has been suspended for 30 days.

The city's Taxi and Limousine Commission suspended Gabriel Diaz's operator's license Friday after a Jewish group and others complained.

Diaz said he believes in the "ide-

ology of National Socialism" and will continue to show off the Nazi symbol when he's not at work. He said that if a Muslim can drive a cab wearing a turban and "a homosexual can walk around with a big rainbow flag," why can't he wear a Nazi armband?

The Anti-Defamation League calls Diaz's armband a "frightening and offensive" message, and commended the city for taking quick action.

#### Meth residue turns home into nightmare

MOORESVILLE — A Marine Corps veteran and his family are in legal limbo after discovering that the house they bought last year is contaminated with methamphetamine.

Chris and Jennifer Nugent said a home inspector found no evidence of termites or mold at the Mooresville home.

But the couple and their children started becoming ill six months later. WRTV-TV reported a do-it-yourself kit found levels of meth far higher than the stateaccented levels.

Carpenter Realtors handled the sale but said it and its agent should not be held responsible. The couple's insurance company has refused to pay for cleanup because their policy excludes pollution.

Experts said it's unlikely the Nugents would have known the property was contaminated.

Indiana State Police records

don't show any meth reports at the address.

# After testing, suspected bobcat returned

has returned a 38-pound feline to a New Jersey woman after DNA testing couldn't conclusively say whether it was a purebred bobcat.

The Asbury Park Press reported that Municipal Court Judge Damian Murray ruled Friday that Ginny Fine can regain custody of 38-pound Rocky, A DNA test found that the cat's mother was 98 percent bobcat, but couldn't determine its father's lineage.

Fine would not have been able to get the cat back without a permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection if it was a purebred bobcat.

Rocky has been held since April 7 at Popcorn Park Zoo in Lacey after it went missing for 12 days from Fine's home.

Fine pleaded guilty to letting the animal get loose and was fined \$1,000.

# Arm reattached after pasta machine mishap

BOSTON — A teenager whose arm was severed below the elbow as he cleaned a restaurant pasta machine has had the limb successfully reattached.

WCVB-TV reported Brett Bouchard, 17, is able to move his right arm again less than three weeks after the accident at Violi's Restaurant in Massena, N.Y., on the Canadian border.

So far, Bouchard has undergone four surgeries at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Doctors said his quick decision to apply a tourniquet and to recover the lost limb have helped his recovery.

Bouchard still will need more surgeries to transfer new muscles to his hand. He's confident he'll be able to regrow the nerves in his lower arm and regain his sense of bruch

From wire reports

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### **MILITARY**



Daniel Smart, of Miami, winces as a fellow midshipman helps him with a leg cramp on May 13 during Sea Trials, a day of physical and mental challenges for freshman midshipmen, known as "plebes," that caps their first year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.



t 3 a.m. on May 13, the freshman class at the U.S. Naval Academy, known as plebes, embarked on a 14-hour day of physical and mental challenges known as Sea Trials. The endurance challenge caps their first year at the academy in Annapolis, Md.

in Annapolis, Md.
Heat and humidity only
make the day more rigorous — to fight cramps,
some carry bottles of
mustard in their pockets.
The trials test the plebes'
teamwork and endurance, while bringing them
closer together.

Sea Trials are modeled after the Marine Corps' Crucible and the Navy's Battle Stations recruit programs, according to the Navy.

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Midshipmen hoist sandbags while performing bicycle kicks.



A plebe, on the heels of a fellow freshman, crawls through a muddy trench beneath barbed wire.

A muddy plebe holds up a fake rifle.





Jonathan Freel, of Houston, downs some mustard from a squeeze bottle in an attempt to avoid cramps during a short break in Sea Trials.

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# **BUSINESS/WEATHER**

# Fine is not the end of GM recall saga

By Tom Krisher The Associated Press

DETROIT - General Motors' agreement to pay a \$35 million federal fine for concealing defects in small-car ignition switches and to give the government greater oversight of its safety procedures closes one chapter of the automaker's recall saga but it's far from over.

Besides agreeing to pay the penalty - the largest ever assessed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - GM admitted that it broke the law by failing to quickly tell the government about the problems. The automaker agreed to report safety problems a lot faster - it started recalling 2.6 million small cars in February, more than a decade after engineers first found a flaw in the switches.

The switches in older-model small cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt and the Saturn Ion can slip out of the "run" position and shut ables the power-assisted steering and brakes and can cause drivers to lose control. It also disables the air bags.

The company says at least 13 people have died in crashes linked to the problem, but trial lawyers suing the company say the death toll is at least 53.

GM faces issues both in the near term and the longer term related to the recall. Here's a breakdown:

■The internal investigation. Late this month or early in June, former U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas will finish an investigation for GM into why the company delayed recalling the cars. GM has promised an "unvarnished" report and said it will make at least some of the results public. The company must provide NHTSA with the full report.

■The criminal investigation. The U.S. Justice Department is investigating GM's conduct and may bring criminal charges.

to agree to a \$1.2 billion penalty for hiding unintended acceleration problems from NHTSA is working on the GM case. In the Toyota case, the company agreed to a long statement of facts that included multiple allegations of That investigation cover-uns lasted four years.

■Congressional action. Two congressional subcommittees have promised to call GM CEO Mary Barra back to Washington for further hearings after the Valukas report is released. At hearings in April, Barra repeatedly said she couldn't answer questions because the internal investigation wasn't finished.

■Recalls. Barra promoted longtime engineer Jeff Boyer as GM's safety chief, with the mandate to look into other safety issues that should have resulted in recalls. On Thursday, GM announced it would recall another 2.7 million cars and trucks. So far this year, the company has had 24 vehicles. GM is working to get new ignition switches as well as parts for the other recalls from suppliers. Its ignition switch maker plans to add two assembly lines this summer to the one already working. GM expects to have all the switches made by Oct. 4.

■ Bottom line. So far. recall-related charges are up to \$1.5 billion, mostly for repairing vehicles. GM also faces dozens of lawsuits from families of those killed in crashes and from people who were hurt.

The company has hired compensation expert Kenneth Feinberg to negotiate settlements. Lawyers say they have at least 400 possible cases against GM. That could cost the company billions of dollars. GM also faces lawsuits from shareholders and neonle whose cars have lost value In addition, GM must pay NHTSA \$7,000 for every day it fails to answer a list of questions from the agency. The fines started April 4 EXCHANGE RATES

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# **Final tuneup signals Kadena is ready**

Peaking Panthers might have best shot at knocking off prohibitive Division I favorite ASIJ

By DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa - A good yardstick of a team's chances of winning a Far East tournament title in a sport such as baseball may not be their total win-loss record as much as whether they're peaking as the tournament begins.

Two teams that can make the claim they are peaking at the right time are American School In Japan, a prohibitive Far East Division I favorite, and Kadena, the team some observers say has the best chance of halting a Mustang charge to the title.

Cases in point from Saturday, the last day of regular-season games:

- Kadena swept a doubleheader from Uruma, a Japanese team, 8-7 and 12-2, improving to 9-3 on the season. They've won their last four games, beating out Kubasaki - the reigning D-I champion - for the Okinwa title for the first time since 2005. The Panthers' hottest hand may be Devin Shea, who belted two homers and had four RBIs against
- ASIJ ran the table for a 22-0 regular season, including another Kanto Plain title, plus two season-opening wins over Kubasaki. In doubleheader sweeps of Zama and Kinnick on Friday and Saturday, Miami (Ohio)-bound Mizuki Shumsky went 8-for-11 with a double, five home runs - four of them grand slams and 18 RBIs

ASIJ looked unbeatable a year ago as well until Kubasaki did just that, 1-0 in the semifi-nal en route to the Dragons' second Far East

"We will not take anything for granted," longtime Mustangs coach John Seevers said. "We're playing well, we're hitting good, we're healthy. We're looking forward to the competition.

That competition is scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, with D-I at Naval Air Facility Atsugi's Bandy Field and St. Mary's International School, and D-II at Camp Zama's Rambler Field.

ASIJ brings a team batting average of .423 and has averaged 11.2 runs in its 22 games, only being pushed in two of them, a 2-1 win over Kubasaki and a 5-3 win over St. Mary's.

Shumsky leads the way with a .484 average, five homers and 25 RBIs. Fellow senior Justin Novak, ticketed to play at Virginia next year, is at .471-5-29, Best batting average among players with 60 or more at-bats is John Yonamine's 521

Shumsky's weekend had even Seevers gushing, especially since it happened so close

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Right-hander Izzy Leon and Edgren are gunning for a third straight Far East Division II tournament title this week. Leion has bolstered a rotation that lost players to transfer.

"It's something to be put into that situation, much less get it done," Seevers said. "That was special.

Special, too, was Kadena hitting seven total home runs in the twin-bill sweep of Uruma, the Panthers' last tune-up before Far East. Coach David Compton says it's a sign that the Panthers' bats are coming alive.

With the heavy rain that typically falls on Okinawa at this time of year, "we've been in batting cages," Compton said. "And I think it showed today. And that's a good thing. We're peaking at the plate, toward the end of the year we've cut down on the errors.

Shea leads the pitching staff with a 5-1 record. Justin Sego, at .407, led the team heading into the Uruma games in batting and in home runs, with four, while Cody Prince (.400) had a team-high 15 RBIs. Shea was batting .391. while his brother Dom (.292) raised his average 100 points in the last month.

But how to answer the question of beating ASLI

Both Compton and Kubasaki coach Randy Toor say it takes a combination of timely hitting and lockdown defense doing the little

things and making the routine plays.

"It can be done," Compton said. "We've got to cut down on errors and swing the bat, we've

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got to get on base. They have some outstanding pitching. If we get on base, we can score."
"If you make routine plays, if you don't walk

their batters, you'll be right in it," Toor said.

Expected to contend again this year after a mostly junior team won in 2013, Kubasaki went 10-11 overall. Tommy Warren had a team-best 3-2 record and led the Dragons at the plate with eight homers and 30 RBIs, while Renton Poole had a team-high .523 average.

Better for ASIJ to carry the favorite's bull'seyes front and back than Kadena, Compton said. "Let them have all the pressure. We'll just sit quietly behind the scenes and win games."

In Division II. Edgren has replaced much of its rotation after unexpected transfers, but has seen Izzy Leon and Isaac Victorino make strong strides, coach Steve Bennett has said over the course of the season. The Eagles are seeking their third straight title.

They may get a stern challenge from host Zama, with sophomore do-everything duo of Keiyl Sasano and Keanu Cruz.

"They're well coached, they have some athletes," said Seevers, whose Mustangs played twice against Zama this season. Asked if they have a chance at their first D-II title, he said: "I wouldn't be surprised."

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#### Far East baseball tournament

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Kadena Panthers right-hander Justin Sego brings a 3-1 record with one save, plus a team-high batting average of .407 and a team-leading four home runs into this week's Far East Division I hasehall tournament.

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#### **Byron Nelson Classic** PGA Saturday

Saturday At Irving, Texas Purse: \$6.9 million rdage: 7,166; Par: 70 Third Round

Louis Oosthuizen	68-68-64-200	-1
Brendon Todd	68-64-68-200	-1
James Hahn	71-65-65-201	
Gary Woodland	68-67-66-201	
Mike Weir	68-66-67-201	
Padraig Harrington	68-68-66-202	
Marc Leishman	66-68-68-202	
Graham DeLaet	68-66-68-202	
Morgan Hoffmann	68-66-68-202	
Greg Chalmers	71-67-65-203	
Boo Weekley	67-68-68-203	
Charles Howell III	68-66-69-203	
John Huh	67-71-66-204	
Matt Kuchar	69-67-68-204	
Aaron Baddeley	68-70-67-205	
Vijay Singh	69-68-68-205	
Martin Kaymer	67-67-71-205	
Dustin Johnson	69-69-68-206	
Scott Gardiner	70-69-67-206	
Lee Williams	67-71-68-206	
Keegan Bradley	70-68-68-206	
Robert Garrigus	74-64-68-206	
Andres Romero	71-66-69-206	
Charlie Wi	73-67-66-206	
Retief Goosen	70-65-71-206	
Ryan Palmer	67-68-71-206	
Jimmy Walker	71-68-68-207	
Brice Garnett	69-70-68-207	
Billy Hurley III	70-69-68-207	
Charl Schwartzel	73-67-67-207	
Peter Hanson	65-73-69-207	
Shawn Stefani	74-66-67-207	
Carl Pettersson	69-71-67-207	
Charlie Beljan	72-65-70-207	
Tyrone Van Aswegen	67-68-72-207	
James Driscoll	70-71-66-207	
Paul Casey	71-63-73-207	

#### Kingsmill Championship I PGA Saturday

At Williamsburg, Virginia Purse: \$1.3 million Yardage: 6,347; Par: 71

Third Rou	ınd	
Lizette Salas	67-68-65-200	-13
Hee Young Park	66-68-69-203	-10
Lvdia Ko	70-68-67-205	-8
Katherine Kirk	69-68-68-205	-8
Stacy Lewis	70-65-70-205	-8
Pornanong Phatlum	71-69-66-206	-7
Yani Tseng	68-70-68-206	-7
Lexi Thompson	67-69-70-206	-7
Austin Ernst	65-74-68-207	-6
So Yeon Rvu	70-69-68-207	-6
Alejandra Llaneza	68-69-71-208	-5
Thidapa Suwannapura	67-70-71-208	-5
Azahara Munoz	65-71-72-208	-5
Christina Kim	72-70-67-209	-4
Sandra Gal	69-71-69-209	-4
Jennifer Rosales	70-69-70-209	-4
Sarah Jane Smith	68-71-70-209	-4
Brittany Lang	67-68-74-209	-4

# **Regions Tradition** Champions Tour Saturday At Shoal Creek, Ala. Purse: \$2.2 million 'ardage: 7,231; Par: 72

Third Ro	ound	
Kenny Perry	72-68-69-209	
John Inman	72-72-66-210	
Jeff Maggert	73-70-69-212	
Tom Pernice Jr.	72-70-70-212	
Olin Browne	69-71-72-212	
John Cook	71-70-71-212	
Steve Elkington	70-71-71-212	
Mark Calcavecchia	69-69-74-212	
Jav Haas	69-70-73-212	
Colin Montgomerie	72-72-69-213	
Rocco Mediate	73-72-69-214	
David Frost	72-71-71-214	
Bernhard Langer	74-70-70-214	
Jeff Sluman	72-71-71-214	
Mike Goodes	74-71-70-215	
Corey Pavin	70-74-71-215	
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# College lacrosse

#### **NCAA Division I tournament**

Quarterfinals Saturday, May 17 At Hempstead, N.Y. Maryland 16, Bryant 8 Notre Dame 14, Albany (NY) 13 Sunday, May 18 At Newark, Del.

At Newark, Dei. Johns Hopkins vs. Duke Drexel vs. Denver Semifinals Saturday, May 24 At M&T Bank Stadiu

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#### Real Salt Lake 2. Rapids 1

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Goalies—Colorado, Clint Irwin; Real
Salt Lake, Jeff Attinella.
Yellow Cards—Grossman, Real Salt
Lake, 33rd; Mulholland, Real Salt Lake,
44th; Mollosland, Real Salt Lake,
54th; Mulholland, Real Salt Lake,
64th; Mollosland, Salt Lake, 64th;
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(Pineda), 8th minute.
Goalies—San Jose, Jon Busch; Seattle
FC, Stefan Frei.
Yellow Cards—Pineda, Seattle FC,
90th.
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#### Deals

#### Saturday's transactions

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evin Quackenbush from El Paso (PCL).
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Brown.

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tracts.

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FC Dallas
Second half—1, Chivas USA, Delgado 1
(Rosales), 60th minute: 2, FC Dallas, Castillo 3 (Benitez), 83rd.
Goalies—Chivas USA, Dan Kennedy;
FC Dallas, Raul Fernandez.
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47t; Ulba, FC Dallas, 76th; Minda, Chivas
USA, 80th; Kennedy, Chivas USA, 90th +.
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Philadelphia, 2ac MacMath
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Vellow Cards—Berry, Philadelphia, New England, Shippina, 78th; Nguyen,
New England, Shippina, 78th; Nguyen,
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#### Dynamo 1, Galaxy 0 Los Angeles

Houston 0 1-Second half-1, Houston, Barnes Secolid Main-1, Houston, Barries 3 (Sherrod), 61st minute. Goalies—Los Angeles, Jaime Penedo; Houston, Tally Hall. Yellow Cards—Taylor, Houston, 17th; DeLaGarza, Los Angeles, 19th; Opare, Los Angeles, 76th. A-22,233 (22,000)

#### Impact 1, United 1

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Second half—1, Montreal, McInerney
3 (Mapp), 56th minute. 2, D.C. United,
Johnson I (Espindola, Rolfe), 84th.
Goalies—Montreal, Troy Perkins; D.C.
United, Bill Hamid.
Yellow Cards—Bernardello, Montreal,
67th; DeLeon, D.C. United, 77th; Neal, D.C.

United, 85th; Bernier, Montreal, 90th+ A=14,106 (45,596)

#### Toronto FC 2. Red Bulls 0 New York 0 0-0 Toronto FC 1 1-2 First half-1. Toronto FC. Defoe 4 (Orr).

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#### NWSL

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FC Kansas City	3	4	1	10	13	13
Washington	3	4	0	9	11	13
Sky Blue FC	1	3	3	6	6	10
Boston	1	4	0	3	6	12
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Saturday's game
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#### Doubles Men

Semifinals Semifinals
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (6), Serbia, def. Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 12-10.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Grijor Dimitrov,
Bulgaria, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.

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Loc ,/16. (6) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 90, 92.4, 0, \$110,686. 5. (1) Carl Edwards, Ford, 90, 99.1, 0,

\$93,536. 8. (16) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 90, 71.6, 8. (16) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 90, 71.6, 0, \$92,536. 9. (22) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 90, 54.1, 0, \$91,536. 10. (13) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 90, 73.3, 0, \$90,536. 11. (18) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 90, 57.8. 0, \$89,511.

0, \$89,511. 12. (15) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 90, 41, 0, \$88,511. 13. (20) David Book \$88,511. (20) David Ragan, Ford, 90, 36.4, 0, 

95.3.0, \$87.011.
95.3.10 Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 90, 32.4, 156.
16. (2)] Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 70, 44, 03, 856,136.
16. (2)] Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 60, 87.1.0, \$86,011.
18. (2) Martin Truce Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 60, 47.1.0, \$86,011.
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# Thunder remain confident without Ibaka

By CLIFF BRUNT The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Thunder players fondly described Serge Ibaka's contributions to the team this season and explained how much he'd be missed.

Then, they moved on.

Ibaka, one of the NBA's top shot blockers, hurt his left calf in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinal against the Los Angeles Clippers. A day after the team learned it would likely be without its best defender for the rest of the playoffs, Oklahoma City began practicing for the Western Conference finals against the San Antonio Spurs. Game 1 is Monday night, and the Thunder will take a business-as-usual approach into San Antonio. "It's unfortunate for us and for

Serge," league MVP Kevin Du-rant said after practice Saturday. "He's a guy that loves the game so much and has to sit out at the peak of the season, being in the playoffs. But it happens in this league. Nobody's ever going to feel sorry for us. "We're not going to panic.

We're going to continue to stick to what we do.'

During the regular season, Ibaka had career highs with averages of 15.1 points and 8.8 rebounds while leading the league in total blocks for the fourth consecutive season with 219. The Thunder don't expect to duplicate Ibaka's explosiveness or his ability to protect the rim.

"We're going to play team de-fense," guard Russell Westbrook said. "We're not going to take the onus on ourselves to block shots and do what Serge does, because nobody can do that.

Brooks wouldn't say how he would fill the minutes or who would start in Ibaka's place. He jokingly named almost every reserve as a possible replacement. Based on past patterns, rookie center Steven Adams and veteran forward Nick Collison will likely



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Thunder forward Serge Ibaka defends Clippers forward Glen Davis during the Western Conference semifinal series. Ibaka injured his left calf during that series and will miss the rest of the playoffs.

step in for Ibaka.

Adams has been exceptional recently. The 7-footer from New Zealand was especially effective in Game 6 against the Clippers, when he had 10 points and 11 rebounds in 40 minutes. He had never played more than 31 minutes in an NBA game.

"It was hard," Adams said. "My body afterwards — I felt like an old man. Going forward, I got familiar with playing while I was fatigued. I'm familiar with it. I need to get comfortable with it."

Adams had gained his teammates' confidence throughout the playoffs. They say he's ready for more responsibility.

"The last two series, he played extremely well for us," Durant said. "Doing anything we need him to do, playing hard, physical. We're going to need him this series to do the same thing. The coaches have been preparing him. He's learning, and he's getting better every day."

Still, San Antonio has to be ready for anything. The Thunder have 10 players who have started at some point this season.

"They are going to change their lineups," Spurs forward

Tim Duncan said. "They have a lot of very capable players, very good players and they're a very good team. Obviously, it's big to lose such a part of their team, but we're going to do what we do and show up how we have to show up and bring the energy that we have to bring

San Antonio's guards, especially Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, won't find as much resistance at the rim.

"Of course, he's a big part of what they do because defensively he's everywhere blocking shots. and the last few years, he's be-





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come a big threat knocking down those 18-, 17-footers," Ginobili said. "He's quite a loss for them. Hopefully we use that to our advantage."

Oklahoma City has been in similar binds. Westbrook and starters Thabo Sefolosha and Kendrick Perkins each missed at least 20 games this season, and the Thunder still finished with the league's second-best record. Because of those experiences, Brooks said the team remains confident it can advance to the NBA Finals. "We've had to overcome some

injuries this past season, and we have an expectation that our locker room sets for themselves to come out and play your minutes hard, regardless of circumstanc-es." he said. "We definitely have enough to still win this series.

#### Scoreboard

Conference finals

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# Smart decision? Star won't dwell on staying in college

By Andrew Seligman The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Marcus Smart insists he has no regrets.

The guard from Oklahoma State dismissed the idea that he would have been better off turning pro a year earlier even though he had some struggles this

game losing streak, but his strong play late in the

Everything season. happened this season, I wouldn't change it

"Everything that happened this season, I wouldn't change it for a thing," Smart said Fri-day at the NBA draft combine. "It helped me. It got me ready for the NBA and things that

come in the NBA." Smart surprised some by for a thing. " returning to school following Marcus Smart a strong freshman year. He NBA Draft prospect got off to an excellent start last

season, but slumped and began to lose his cool. On March 8, he shoved a Texas Tech fan and was suspended for three games. His Cowboys went through a sevenseason pushed them into the NCAA tournament, where they lost to Gonzaga in the round of 64. Smart wound up averaging 18 points, 5.9 rebounds

and 4.8 assists as a sophomore, but while his scoring went up from 15.4 per game, accuracy remained an issue. He shot just over 42 percent overall and just 29.9 percent on three-pointers.

The combine gave him a chance to show his improvement on the court. But the real showcase for

him was in the meetings with teams. It was his chance to make the case that he has matured, that he is worthy of a high first-round pick. He said team executives weren't too concerned.

"I looked at it as a learning curve, just like they did," Smart said. "It's something that you're going to learn from, and it's gonna get you ready for the type of things you're gonna go through in the NBA.

He said that while he's not shying away from that, he trying to move on and focus on the future. He doesn't want to dwell on it.

"That's exactly what I told them," Smart said. As for how high he goes in the draft next month? "If I'm a top pick, I'm a top pick," Smart said. "If I'm not, I'm not. I'm not going to worry about it, as long as I can be able to play in the NBA and ... make



CHARLES REY APPROPRET/AF

Marcus Smart talks to reporters at the NBA basketball draft combine last week in Chicago. Smart isn't worried that returning for his sophomore year at Oklahoma State hurt his draft stock.

#### **NHL PLAYOFFS**

#### Scoreboard

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ers 3 of 7; Montreal 0 of 3. Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 9-6-0 (22 shots-20 saves). Montreal, Price 8-4-0 (20-16), Budaj (0:00 third, 8-5). A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:37.

# Rangers keep rolling in Game 1

The Associated Press

MONTREAL - Martin St. Louis and the New York Rangers had a reason to smile in the midst of a weekend of sadness.

St. Louis, who will attend his mother's funeral with his teammates on Sunday, scored the opening goal of the Eastern Conference finals to pace New York's suddenly high-powered offense in a 7-2 rout of the Montreal Canadiens on Saturday.

New York got goals from six other players, and Henrik Lundqvist quieted talk of a Montreal iinx in a 20-save effort. It was his first victory at the Bell Centre in more than two years.

The Rangers have wrested home-ice advantage from the Canadiens, heading into Game 2 of the series Monday night in Montreal.

"It was an emotional time for everyone, but the guys have been behind me and supported me," said St. Louis, who received a long ovation from the crowd when he was named the game's first star. "My teammates are behind me and supporting me, and their effort was unbelievable.

"We feel really close right now and we're trying to keep feeding off that.'

The Rangers galvanized and drew inspiration from St. Louis after his mother's unexpected death before Game 5 of New York's second-round series against Pittsburgh. The Broadway Blueshirts haven't lost since,

winning four straight - three on the road. Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said his team is trying to support St. Louis while stay-

ing focused on playing a sound team game. "Emotionally, for us, that is something re-ally strong right now," Vigneault said. "I know guite a few of our guys went to the wake [on

Friday], and I texted with Marty last night to make sure that everything was good. "He's handled it in an incredible way that probably has helped our team come closer together. [Sunday] is going to be a tough day. We

need to be there to support him, and we'll do that and get ready for Monday.' Mats Zuccarello, Chris Kreider, Brad Rich-

ards, Ryan McDonagh, Derek Stepan and Rick Nash also scored for the Rangers, who had netted only four goals in their past nine

Lundqvist hadn't played in Montreal since



New York Rangers right wing Martin St. Louis celebrates after scoring against the Montreal Canadiens during the first period of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Saturday.

allowing four goals on Jan. 15, 2012. His last win there was March 17, 2009. aware that it's going to be a lot different." Rene Bourque and Lars Eller scored

The quick-footed Rangers, coming off a comeback, seven-game win over Pittsburgh, jumped on a Canadiens team that was flat and mentally absent after a nasty and emotional seven-game win over top-seeded Boston.
"You don't look at the score," Richards said.

"That's not indicative of how anything's going to hannen in this series

"We got fortunate. We got some bounces. We got some momentum, and pucks went in the net. It was a win, that's all it was. We're very

Rene Bourque and Lars Eller scored for Montreal

New York's turnaround against Pittsburgh started when St. Louis returned to the team a day after his mother, France, died. The Rangers won the final three games of that series in rallying from a 3-1 deficit.

Playing in his hometown, St. Louis scored 4:35 into the game. He found an unguarded spot near the net and put Dominic Moore's pass into an open side behind Carey Price,

who lasted only two periods.

# Canadiens: Price sitting after collision not injury-related

The Associated Press

MONTREAL - The Canadiens might have lost more than just the opening game of the Eastern Conference finals to the New York Rangers. Montreal goalie Carey Price was pulled from the blowout after two periods, and perhaps in part because of an injury.

With the Rangers leading by two goals, Price was run into early in the second period of New York's 7-2 victory on Saturday. At 3:15 of the second, New York forward

Chris Kreider blew past defenseman Alexei Emelin on a breakaway but then lost his balance as he shot the puck. He missed the net and slid skate-first into Price.

Price stayed down on the ice for several seconds, clutching his right leg, and was visibly shaken when he finally got up. He spoke to a member of the team's medical staff but remained in the game. Price allowed two more goals as the Rangers grabbed a 4-1 lead before the second intermission.

He watched the third period from the bench.

There was no reason to put Carev back in the third," Canadiens coach Michel Therrien said. "It was just to protect him. You never want to see your goaltender spread out on the ice. But the fact that he didn't play in the third period is unrelated.' Therrien and several Canadiens players

were convinced Kreider's hit on Price was accidental. There was no penalty called on "It wasn't really sitting for me, so I had

my head down trying to settle the puck," Kreider said. "I went in skates-first, and I just had too much momentum and couldn't really avoid him. It didn't feel too good for me, either.

Despite brushing off any injury concerns, Therrien refused to answer whether Price would get the start in Game 2 of the series on Monday. "The fact that he didn't play in the third

period was more to protect him than anything," Therrien repeated.

Price gave up four goals on 20 shots after two periods, including two in less than a minute to end the second period.

However, the discussion was more about Price's collision than the amount of pucks

that got past him. "You don't want to see that," said Rene

Bourque, "Intentional? I don't think so. He's our best player. It was scary to see. Hopefully he's all right."

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# Goldschmidt, D-backs batter LA, Kershaw

By John Marshall The Associated Press

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PHOENIX - The Arizona Diamondbacks jumped on one of baseball's best pitchers early and kept bashing, knocking off records along the way.

Not a bad way to show off for their new Hall of Fame executive.

Paul Goldschmidt homered twice, had a career-high six RBIs and set a team record with five runs scored, helping the Diamondbacks bash the Los Angeles Dodgers 18-7 on Saturday night in their first game since hiring Tony La Russa. "We hadn't really broken out

this year and tonight we did,' Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said. "Anybody they threw at us, we were patient, got good pitches to hit and hammered them

Hoping to shake out of an early season funk, the Diamondbacks announced before the game that they had hired La Russa as their chief baseball officer.

Once it started, Arizona showed off its offensive capabilities by beating up on Clayton Kershaw (2-1), scoring seven runs in the second inning against the twotime Cv Young Award winner.

The Dodgers came storming back with a five-run sixth to pull within 9-7, but Arizona kept hitting to set team records for runs, hits in a nine-inning game (21), extra-base hits (13) and triples in an inning (3 in the second).



The Diamondbacks' Paul Goldschmidt, right, high-fives A.J. Pollock after hitting a three-run home run against the Dodgers during the seventh inning on Saturday in Phoenix. Arizona won 18-7.

Goldschmidt was the catalyst, hitting a three-run homer in the seventh inning, a two-run shot in the eighth and adding two doubles to finish 4-for-5.

Chris Owings finished a single shy of the cycle, Martin Prado had three RBIs and Chase Anderson (2-0) pitched into the sixth inning for Arizona. A.J. Pollock and Eric Chavez also homered, helping the Diamondbacks emphatically end a seven-game home losing streak to Los Angeles

"It was nice because we hadn't been scoring much lately, this entire year," Goldschmidt said. "We've had better at-bats lately and tonight was a really, really good effort." The Dodgers tried to keep up

even after the second-shortest

outing of Kershaw's career.

Yasiel Puig hit a two-run homer to set one Dodgers record, tie another and stretch his hitting streak to 16 games. Carl Crawford also hit a three-run homer and the Dodgers had 13 hits.

They just couldn't seem to keep the Diamondbacks from racing around the bases, going through five pitchers before turning to catcher Drew Butera to pitch in the eighth inning.

"We just paid for our mistakes tonight," Dodgers catcher A.J. Ellis said. "Give them a lot of credit they swung the bats extremely well. Anytime we were in the middle of the plate, they didn't miss it. That is what good teams do. That is a good team over there.'

Kershaw was solid in two starts off the disabled list and looked good in the first inning against the Diamondbacks, striking out two.

It quickly fell apart in the second inning.

Arizona followed Kershaw's second walk of the season by pounding baseballs to the gaps, including three triples and a

Cliff Pennington had the first triple, driving in two runs, then Pollock and Owings followed with run-scoring triples. Goldschmidt added a run-scoring double and Tuffy Gosewich and Prado had RBI singles, chasing Kershaw after 12/3 innings.

Kershaw allowed seven runs three more than his season total and six hits, with three strikeouts two walks and a balk

"It's kind of shocking anytime he has an inning like that," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said 'You expect him to go seven or eight (innings) and give up two or three runs or less. If you can score you have a good chance of winning. It's definitely not the

# Duffy nearly perfect vs. O's

BY DAVE SKRETTA The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Danny Duffy walked briskly to the mound to start the seventh inning Saturday night, ready to throw his first warm-up pitch before anybody else on his team had even taken the field.

The Royals left-hander was in that kind of

Duffy went on to retire the next two batters he faced before Baltimore's Adam Jones finally ended his bid for a perfect game with a single up the middle. Still, it was the best outing of his career, and came on a night when the Kansas City's scuffling offense needed it.

Billy Butler drove in the only run in the first inning in the 1-0 win over the Orioles.

I started to feel it in the seventh a little bit," Duffy said of his tantalizing perfect bid, "but I didn't think about it because my job is to get outs."

Others started to think about it, though.

"You keep thinking, 'Boy, he's got really good stuff," said Royals manager Ned Yost, who was ejected during a tense ninth inning. "He gets through the fourth and the fifth and into the sixth and you think, 'Boy, he's got really, really good stuff.'

Duffy gave up a single to Nelson Cruz to start the eighth, but Wade Davis retired the next three batters. All-Star close Greg Holland allowed a hit and two walks to load the bases with two outs in the ninth, then calmly struck out Cruz for his 11th save of the season

"We found a way to get back in it in the ninth and had the right guys at the plate," said Orioles bench coach John Russell, who was acting manager as



ODI IN WAGNER/AP

Royals pitcher Danny Duffy lost his bid for a perfect game in the seventh inning against the Orioles on Saturday. The Royals won 1-0.

Buck Showalter attended his daughter's graduation. "We scraped and scrapped. We still found a way to make it interesting."

Bud Norris (2-4) was the hard-luck loser, allowing four hits and a walk in 71/3 innings. The lone run he allowed came in the first, when

Nori Aoki led off with a single, stole second and then scored on Butler's single to center. The hit ended a 0-for-10 slump, and gave Kansas City only its second run in the first three games of the four-game set.

"The story of the day is about Duffy. That was un-believable." Butler said. "That gives you a glimpse of what he could be like every time out."

Duffy missed most of last season while recovering from Tommy John surgery, and he began this season in the bullpen after losing the competition for a rotation spot in spring training. But he was forced back into the rotation a few weeks ago, when Bruce Chen landed on the disabled list with a back injury, and has pitched so well that he may have claimed

# Surging Tigers win 10th straight on road

By KEN POWTAK The Associated Press

BOSTON - Detroit's Rick Porcello would rather forget the last time he pitched in Fenway Park. He's likely to remember his outing Saturday night

Porcello pitched eight solid innings to win his sixth straight start and the red-hot Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1.

It was the 10th consecutive road win for the Tigers, who are a majors' best 26-12. Detroit won for the 14th time in 17 games.

In his last Fenway start, the right-hander was tagged for nine runs and seven hits - three homers - in five innings during a 20-4 loss to the Red Sox on Sept. 4.

"I got beat around. That's the way it is," he said. "Everybody gets their butt kicked and the difference is how well you can rebound from it.'

On Saturday, Porcello (7-1) gave up one run on six hits, striking out four and walking one. It was the fifth time in six starts he's allowed two or fewer runs.

Miguel Cabrera had a homer, RBI single and one of Detroit's six doubles, and Victor Martinez added a pair of singles.

"We've been playing some good baseball right now," Cabrera said. "We're aggressive and focused on what we're going to do on the field and getting it done."

Tigers manager Brad Ausmus felt Porcello had good command.

"That was probably his best outing," he said. "His fastball is always the key, but he threw good curveballs and some changeups. Xander Bogaerts had a solo

homer and Mike Napoli three singles for the slumping Red Sox, who have scored just one run in the first two games of the threegame series.

"Early runs, we find ourselves behind," Boston manager John Farrell said. "One real scoring threat in the fourth inning and we come up empty. That was pretty much the story here tonight."

John Lackey (5-3) gave up more than two runs for the first time in five starts, allowing six earned — on nine hits in 51/3 innings. He felt like he was just slightly missing in the strike zone.

"Just didn't get some locations there in the fifth inning," he said. "That was pretty much the inning I'd like to take back. I just didn't locate some balls in that inning for sure.'

Boston's David Ortiz had a single to extend his hitting streak to

### MLB SCOREBOARD

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#### MIB



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter reacts after putting the pick-off tag on the Pirates' Tony Sanchez at second base during the fifth inning Saturday in New York. Sanchez was initially called out on the play, but the Pirates challenged, and Sanchez was safe. The Yankees won 7-1.

#### AL roundup

# Yankees get 5 HRs in win

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira has provided consistent power for weeks. The rest of the New York Yankees joined in Saturday.

Teixeira hit a two-run homer, Zoilo Almonte connected in his first start of the season and New York went deep five times for a 7-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

It was the second time since 2011 that five Yankees players homered in one game.

"It was nice to see," manager Joe Girardi said. "Our team is built for this park."

Brett Gardner and Alfonso Soriano also homered off a struggling Edinson Volquez to back five scoreless innings from David Phelps (1-0). Brian McCann added a two-run drive in the eight against reliever Vin Mazzaro as New York won for only the second time in eight home games.

Coming off consecutive road shutouts against the crosstown rival Mets, the Yankees took their third straight following a fourgame slide.

"We had a very good game overall," Soriano said. "That's what we expect."

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Starling Marte homered and had three hits in his return to the starting lineup for the Pirates, winless at Yankee Stadium since Harvey Haddix pitched them to a 5-2 victory in Game 5 of the 1960 World Series.

Volquez (1-4) gave up six hits

 four homers — and no walks in 6½ innings, dropping to 0-4 in his last five starts.

Teixeira connected on a 1-2 pitch following Derek Jeter's single in the first for his eighth home run in his last 17 games. It was the 350th of his career, tying Chili Davis for sixth place among switch-hitters.

Almonte sent Volquez's first pitch of the third into the raised bleachers in right-center for his second major league homer. Called up from the minors Tuesday, Almonte was a late addition to the lineup when center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury was scratched with flu-like symptoms.

Gardner homered leading off the sixth and Soriano did the same in the seventh.

"They are great hitters and I made a lot of mistakes," Volquez said. "You cannot make a lot of mistakes in this ballpark."

Angels 6, Rays 0: C.J. Wilson scattered five hits in his second career shutout and Grant Green homered, leading the host Angels.

Wilson (5-3) threw 127 pitches, struck out five and escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh by inducing his third double-play grounder of the game.

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 2: Kevin Pillar and Jose Reyes had eighthinning doubles to give the visiting Blue Jays the lead. Right-hander Steve Delahar (3-

of the straight, including striking out the side in the eighth, to earn the victory.

Athletics 6, Indians 2: Bran-

don Moss hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs and Josh Donaldson also had three RBIs, helping the Athletics overcome starter Scott Kazmir's ejection in the second inning to beat the host Indians.

Dan Otero (4-0) relieved Kazmir and pitched 3<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings to help seal Oakland's eighth win in nine games.

Kazmir was ejected by plate umpire Jerry Layne after the lefthander walked Jesus Aguilar on a borderline full-count pitch with one out in the second.

Twins 4, Mariners 3: Brian Dozier's three-run homer in the fifth inning put host Minnesota ahead for good, and Samuel Deduno tossed six sharp innings for his first win.

With Minnesota trailing 2-1, Dozier followed consecutive singles by Aaron Hicks and Eduardo Escobar by sending a curveball from Roenis Elias (3-3) into the seats in left field. It was Dozier's 11th homer of the season.

Astros 6, White Sox 5: Jason Castro hit a three-run homer and Dexter Fowler homered and drove in two runs to help the host Astros outlast the White Sox.

Houston starter Jarred Cosart (3-3) allowed seven hits and three runs in five innings. Chicago's Hector Noesi (0-4)

gave up eight hits and six runs
— five earned — in six innings to
remain winless in four starts.

#### **NL** roundup

# Wong gives Cards leg up on Atlanta

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — When Braves second baseman Tyler Pastornicky backpedaled into shallow right field to catch the popup and Jason Heyward didn't arrive fast enough to take charge, Kolten Wong got the green light.

The rookie raced home with the tying run on surely the shortest sacrifice fly of Yadier Molina's career, one of many big plays the St. Louis Cardinals made with their legs in a 4-1 victory over the slumping Atlanta Braves on Saturday.

"By the time I realized I could get there, it would have been tough to call him off," Heyward said. "Heads up play on their part by sending the runner."

Wong and Peter Bourjos each had a pair of bunt singles, three of them fueling rallies. Bourjos got picked off after beating out a bunt leading off the third, but squeezed home an insurance run in the seventh.

"I think today was probably one of the best representations of what speed can do for us," manager Mike Matheny said. "A lot of guys made things happen, getting on base and creating havoc."

Wong set up the tying run by beating out a bunt to lead off the fourth. He squared around for another hit in the sixth and drew a wild throw from catcher Evan Gattis while stealing second, producing the go-ahead run.

The Cardinals matched their season high with their fourth straight win.

Miller (6-2) allowed a run and five hits in seven innings, one inning longer than his previous high this season. He matched his season best with seven strikeouts, fanning B.J. Upton three times, and called it his best outing of the year "ffor sure."

"I felt like we did a really good job of keeping the hitters off-balance and getting ahead in the count," Miller said. "Just an all-around good day, but at the same time there's still room for improvement."

Marlins 5, Giants 0: Giancarlo Stanton homered and tripled to lead visiting Miami.

Tom Koehler (4-3) struck out seven in seven innings to finally win in five tries away from South Florida after coming into his outing 0-3 on the road to start the year. He allowed four hits and walked two in his first road vicin ry since Sept. 22 at Washington.

Padres 8, Rockies 5: Seth Smith homered against his former team early and Carlos Quentin added a two-run, pinch-hit home run as visiting San Diego hung on to beat Colorado.

San Diego staked Robbie Erlin (3-4) to a 6-1 lead by roughing up previously unbeaten Jordan Lyles (5-1), who walked a career-high six batters in a season-low 3 1-3 inning outing. Cubs 3, Brewers 0: Edwin

Cubs 3, Brewers 0: Edwin Jackson struck out 11 in seven innings and Welington Castillo hit a two-run double to lead host Chicago to victory.

Starlin Castro also added an RBI double for the last-place Cubs, who won just for the third time in 13 games.

Phillies 12, Reds 1: Cole Hamels threw seven sharp innings to earn his 100th career win and Domonic Brown had a career-best five RBIs as host Philadelphia ended a four-game losing streak.

Cody Asche broke Philadelphia's 23-inning scoreless streak with a two-run double that sparked a six-run fourth. Cesar Hernandez capped the scoring with his first career homer.

Mets 5, Nationals 2: Juan Lagares drove in three runs with a homer and a single, and Bartolo Colon allowed five hits in eight innings as visiting New York ended a three-game losing streak.

Lagares came in 5 for 27 in his past 11 games. He singled in a run during a three-run first and homered with one on and one out in the third to give New York a 5-0 lead.



JEFF ROBERSON/A

Cardinals' Kolten Wong, left, scores as the throw gets past Braves catcher Evan Gattle during the fourth inning Saturday in St. Louis.

### MLS/SPORTS BRIEFS



RICK FOAN THE SALT LAKE TRIBLING/AP

Real Salt Lake forward Jou Plata celebrates his goal against the Colorado Rapids on Saturday in Sandy, Utah.

#### Roundup

# Unbeaten Salt Lake knocks off Colorado

SANDY, Utah - Joao Plata scored his sixth goal of the season and Real Salt Lake remained undefeated with a 2-1 victory over the Rapids in the opening match of the Rocky Mountain Cup RSL (6-0-5) hasn't dropped a

game in its first 11 matches this season and is the only undefeated team in Major League Soccer.

Plata scored in the 23rd minute with a roller past goalkeeper

Clint Irwin to the far post. Javier Morales scored on a penalty kick in the 52nd minute

to put RSL up 2-0. It was Morales' fourth goal. Colorado (4-4-3) avoided the

shutout with defender Drew Moor's header into the corner in the 83rd minute. Toronto FC 2, Red Bulls 0:

Jermain Defoe and Luke Moore scored and Toronto FC snapped its three-game losing streak with a win over visiting New York.

Toronto (4-4-0) had lost four of five games after opening the MLS season with two consecutive wins

New York (3-4-5) was coming off a 5-4 loss to the previously winless Chicago Fire, which snapped its four-game undefeated streak.

Sounders 1, Earthquakes 0: Snubbed from a World Cup camp invite by Nigeria, Obafemi Martins scored his finest goal since joining Major League Soccer in the eighth minute to give host Seattle the victory

The Sounders (8-3-1) remained the points leader in all of MLS thanks to Martins' goal as both teams began a potential twomonth stretch with some of the top players in the league off competing at the World Cup.

Martins' goal came from a

shallow angle just 4 yards off the end line. It was his fifth goal of the season.

San Jose dropped to 2-4-4.

Revolution 5, Union 3: A.J. Soares, Diego Fagundez, Lee Nguyen, Chris Tierney and Patrick Mullins scored, and New England topped host Philadelphia for its fourth straight win.

The Revolution (6-3-2) are 5-0-1 in their last six. It was their first victory over the Union (2-6-5) at PPL Park where they had been 0-4-2, including a 1-0 loss on March

Timbers 3, Crew 3: Gaston Fernandez scored on a header in the 85th minute to pull host Portland into the draw with Columbus

The draw snapped a threematch losing streak for Columbus, but the Crew (3-4-4) remain winless in their last eight matches. Columbus hadn't scored a goal since April 26 in a 1-1 draw with

the New York Red Bulls.
United 1, Impact 1: Eddie Johnson scored in the 84th minute to lift D.C. to a draw with vis-

D.C. (4-3-3) hasn't lost at home since the season opener against Columbus on March 8.

Montreal (1-5-4), last in the Eastern Conference, fell to 0-3-2 on the road. It has never won in five games at RFK Stadium.

Dynamo 1, Galaxy 0: Giles Barnes pounced on Jaime Penedo's miscue for a 61st-minute goal to give Houston a win over visiting Los Angeles.

Penedo failed to control Dan Gargan's throw-in inside the 6vard box. Rookie forward Mark Sherrod stole the ball and found Barnes for the goal.

Chivas USA 1, FC Dallas 1: Fabian Castillo scored in the 83rd minute and host Dallas tied Chivas USA to end a four-game losing streak.

Dallas (5-5-2) was on the verge of a franchise-worst fifth straight loss before Castillo scored. It was Castillo's second goal of the season against Chivas.

#### **Briefly**

# **Marquez batters Alvarado**

The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. - Although Juan Manuel Marquez rarely acts his age in the ring the 40-year-old welterweight turned back the clock to a specific time and place while he battered Mike Alvarado.

Under the spotlights, the smoke and the deafening cheers, Marquez was once again the king of the Forum ring, returning in grand style to the refurbished arena for one more celebration of his brilliance and longevity.

Marquez (56-7-1) dismantled Alvarado with 12 rounds of technical brilliance and vicious power, knocking down Alvarado in the eighth round and bouncing back from his own ninth-round knockdown to finish strong, even staggering Alvarado right before the final hell

Judges Max DeLuca and Julie Lederman scored it 117-109 for Marquez, and Robert Byrd favored him 119-108. The Associated Press also scored it 117-109 for Marquez, giving him 10 of the 12 rounds

#### Woman seriously hurt in Fenway elevator fall

BOSTON - Police and state inspectors are trying to determine why an elevator door at Boston's Fenway Park was open before a woman plunged two stories down the elevator shaft after a game, officials said Saturday.

The 22-year-old woman fell from the fourth floor and landed on the roof of the elevator, which was stopped on the second floor It happened late Friday after the Red Sox lost to the Detroit Tigers, said Steve MacDonald, a spokesman for the Boston Fire Department.

Power to the elevator was shut off, and firefighters climbed through the elevator's emergency hatch to reach the woman, who was transported to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Mac-Donald said

"Everyone worked together to get her out as soon as possible.' he said.

MacDonald said the woman was unconscious at the scene with injuries that appeared serious. A hospital spokesman said no information would be released about the woman's condition.

#### Arizona hires La Russa to run baseball ops

PHOENIX - Tony La Russa is back in the big leagues, though he won't filling out lineup cards any time soon.

The Arizona Diamondbacks hired La Russa as their chief baseball officer Saturday, hoping the Hall of Fame manager can help turn around the team after one of the worst starts in franchise history.

La Russa will report to Dia-mondbacks President Derrick Hall and oversee the entire base-



Mike Alvarado, left, and Juan Manuel Marquez exchange punches in the 10th round of a WBO welterweight title bout at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif., on Saturday, Marquez won the fight.

ball operations department. He will work with general manager Kevin Towers and manager Kirk Gibson in shaping the future of the Diamondbacks

#### Saints sign Tulane's Walker to contract

METAIRIE, La. - New Orleans coach Sean Payton says the Saints are signing paralyzed former Tulane player Devon Walker to a free-agent contract.

Payton, who met with Walker at the Saints' practice fields during rookie camp Saturday, says Walker has "been an inspiration" to his community, his university and to the Saints.

Walker was paralyzed from the neck down while making a tackle at Tulsa in 2012. Now operating a motorized wheelchair with his mouth, Walker nonetheless managed to graduate on Saturday with a degree in cell and molecular biology.

#### Djokovic, Williams win Italian Open titles

ROME - Novak Djokovic extended his recent dominance over Rafael Nadal by rallying for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory Sunday to win the Italian Open for the third time - then dedicated the title to his flood-hit native Serbia.

Having also been beaten in Monte Carlo and Barcelona recently, it marked the first time in a decade that the top-ranked Nadal has lost more than two matches on clay in the same year.

In the women's final, Serena Williams kept the crowd from being a factor in a 6-3, 6-0 victory over 10th-seeded home favorite Sara Errani to win her third Rome title.

Errani was bidding to become the first Italian to win the tournament in nearly 30 years but the top-ranked Williams quickly took control in both sets and Errani appeared slowed by a left thigh problem

#### Jimenez becomes 1st Tour winner over 50

GIRONA, Spain Angel Jimenez won the Spanish Open on Sunday after a threeway playoff to become the European Tour's first winner over the age of 50.

Jimenez extended his own record as the oldest European Tour winner at 50 years and 133 days

"There is no secret," Jimenez said. "Good food, good wine, good cigars and some exercise.

Jimenez beat Thomas Pieters of Belgium and Australia's Richard Green in a playoff after he was the only one to make par on the first extra hole. All three players finished on 4-under 284.

It was the Spaniard's 21st European Tour win and his second of the season after he won at Hong Kong in December, also following a playoff, at the age of 49 years,

#### **PREAKNESS**

# **Nasal strip issue** could threaten **Triple Crown bid**

# Preakness winner might sit out Belmont

BY BETH HARRIS The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - California Chrome might abandon his Tri-ple Crown bid in the Belmont Stakes if New York officials do not allow the colt to wear a nasal

Trainer Art Sherman suggested it was a possibility, although he made no threats about California Chrome passing on a chance to become horse racing's 12th Triple Crown winner.

"I'd have to leave it up to the owners," he said Sunday. "I know they'll be upset."

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner has worn a nasal strip during his current six-race winning streak after coowner Perry Martin wanted to try it. Sherman is based in California and said he wasn't aware that using one in New York might be a problem. He said he would talk to New York racing officials and the horse's owners.

"It's something nonmedical that can be beneficial to a workout or a race," California-based trainer Doug O'Neill said by phone. "If you think your horse could use some help with their nostrils, you do it." Two years ago, O'Neill trained

I'll Have Another to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness with the colt wearing a nasal strip. New York officials told O'Neill that his horse couldn't wear one in the Belmont. The issue became moot when I'll Have Another was scratched the day before the race because of a leg injury.

"I can't imagine them being that ignorant that they would do that again," O'Neill said. "New York has gotten a lot better with common sense. It seems like a more rational place now."

The rulebook for Belmont Park that establishes race conditions does not specifically mention nasal strips.



California Chrome co-owner Steve Coburn, center, trainer Art Sherman, left, and jockey Victor Espinoza, bottom right, celebrate in winner's circle after their victory at the 139th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on Saturday.



ockey Victor Espinoza, right, celebrates aboard California Chrome after winning the 139th Preakness Stakes on Saturday in Baltimore. In three weeks, California Chrome will attempt to become the first horse since Affirmed in 1978 to win all three legs of horse racing's coveted Triple Crown with a victory

# **Stakes:** California Chrome holds off challengers for Preakness win

He's now won six straight races. The streak started with four in a row in California by a combined 241/4 lengths. Then California Chrome coasted home in the Derby by 11/2 lengths after opening up a big lead in the stretch. The margin dwindled in the Preakness as he fought off multiple challengers.

California Chrome's co-owner Steve Coburn shed tears after his colt crossed the finish line, dabbing them away with a blue-andwhite bandanna.

"I don't mean to be bold or cocky or arrogant," Coburn said. "I saw this baby when he was a day old, I told my wife, 'Carolyn, this horse is going to do some-thing big. I don't know what it is, but we're going to stay in the game to make sure this colt gets to be the best that he can be.'

Quite a statement from a guy with a one-horse stable.

Coburn and partner Perry Martin bred an \$8,000 mare to a \$2,500 stallion to produce California Chrome. Based on the colt's humble breeding, he probably shouldn't be on the verge of making history.

His mother, named Love the Chase, won just one race.

The owners were long shots to get this far, too.

Coburn and Martin named their operation DAP Racing, which stands for Dumb Ass Partners. Their silks include an image of a donkey. Coburn and Perry who live on each side of the California-Nevada border get up early for their jobs - Coburn working as a press operator and Martin running a lab that tests high-reliability equipment.

We just hope that this horse is letting America know that the little guy can win," Coburn said.

Sent off as the overwhelming 1-2 favorite by a record crowd of 123,469. California Chrome bounced out of the gate running, with jockey Victor Espinoza moving the colt into the clear. Pablo Del Monte, a 34-1 shot, charged to the lead and was soon joined by filly Ria Antonia.

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tucked California California Chrome into third. an ideal spot behind the leaders. They staved there until making

turn.

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"I had to move early today," Espinoza said. "I had to start moving at the half-mile pole, which is tough for a horse to start moving early and keep going all the way to the end. California Chrome

California Chrome went for the lead, catching Pablo Del Monte while Social Inclusion joined the chase. Pablo Del Monte soon dropped back along the rail, and California Chrome sprinted away from Social Inclusion at the top of the stretch.

But there was one more challenge to come.

Ride On Curlin, next-to-last in the 10-horse field, ranged up and briefly appeared ready to overtake California Chrome. Once again showing his class, California Chrome denied the threat

"It's an awesome feeling," Es-pinoza said. "Today it was just a crazy race. I got more tired mentally than physically. I see another horse go to the front. I was going to sit second. ... I sit back, as soon as the other horse got clear of me, it worked out

#### **Triple Crown Near-Misses**

Horses since 1978 that have won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness but failed to win the Belmont Stakes, with distance behind Belmont winner: 2012 – I'll Have Another (scratched), 2008 – Big Brown (9th, eased, Da' ra). **2004 —** Smarty Jones (2nd. 1. Bird-

stone). 2003 — Funny Cide (3rd, 5, Empire Maker). 2002 — War Emblem (8th, 19½, Sara-

va).

1999 – Charismatic (3rd, 1½, Lemon Drop Kid).

1998 – Real Quiet (2nd, nose, Victory Gallop). 1997 — Silver Charm (2nd, ¾, Touch

Gold). 1989 — Sunday Silence (2nd, 8, Easy

1989 — Sunday Silence (2nd, 8, Easy Goer). 1987 — Alysheba (4th, 14, Bet Twice). 1981 — Pleasant Colony (3rd, 1½, Summing). 1979 — Spectacular Bid (3rd, 3, Coastal).

California Chrome paid \$3, \$3 and \$2.40. Ride On Curlin returned \$5.60 and \$3.80, while Social Inclusion was another 61/2 lengths back in third and paid \$3.40 as the 5-1 second choice.

General a Rod was fourth, followed by Ring Weekend, Pablo Del Monte, Dynamic Impact, Kid Cruz, Bayern and Ria Antonia.

Espinoza will get another crack at trying to complete the Triple Crown, after missing with War Emblem in 2002. He finished eighth in the Belmont that year.

"You have to be a super horse to win," the jockey said. "Hopefully, California Chrome comes back good, and he's the one that hopefully can do it.'

Bob Baffert trained War Emblem, one of his three Triple tries that ended in failure. He missed with Silver Charm in 1997 and again the following year with Real Quiet, who lost the Belmont by a nose.

"California Chrome is something. He's a cool customer,' Baffert said after the race. "He does everything right. He's fast enough to stay out of trouble."

### **AUTO RACING**

# Carpenter first for Indy 500 shootout

By Michael Marot The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Ed Carpenter, Carlos Munoz and Helio Castroneves were pushed to the edge Saturday, each remained calm and came up with their bestqualifying runs of the day.

Now they have to do it again one more time Sunday.

The American, Colombian and Brazilian who have celebrated some of their biggest career moments at Indianapolis each made daring runs over the final 80 minutes Saturday to take the top three seeds heading into Sunday's Indianapolis 500 shootout. Carpenter finished first with a four-lap qualifying average of 230.661 mph. Munoz was second at 230.460.

"I wasn't sure we were going to go 230 in our first run, so I was relieved when we did," Carpenter said. "But to be honest, I didn't think going into qualifying I was going to exceed 230."

Others drivers thought Carpenter would, and it only took one practice lap and one qualifying lap to assuage any doubts. Carpenter, the fifth car on the track, averaged 230.114 then sat around all day as other drivers tried to knock him off the top rung.

Nobody caught him until a rain delay ended at 4:18 p.m. Then in a flurry of speed, Andretti Autosport driver James Hinchcliffe knocked Carpenter off the pole, Munoz knocked Hinchcliffe, his teammate, off the pole, and Carpenter retook the pole. He finished the day waiting 65 minutes to see if it would stand.

Normally, the reward for surviving such tension would be celebrating a pole win.

Instead, under the new qualifying format, all Saturday did was assure Carpenter and the other eight top cars of a top-nine starting spot on Indy's traditional 33-car starting grid. Each of the top nine will have one qualifying run Sunday with the fastest claiming the coveted No. 1 starting spot for the May 25 race.

The success of Carpenter, Munoz and Castroneves was hardly a surpris

Carpenter, last year's pole winner, had one of the fastest cars in practice Thursday and Friday. If he wins the pole again Sunday on the track his stepfather, Tony George, once ran, Carpenter would be the second driver since 1990 to earn consecutive poles at Indy. Castroneves also did it in 2009 and 2010.

Munoz, meanwhile, drives for Michael Andretti, whose team has consistently put four or five drivers in the top 10 all week. In 2013, Munoz made his IndyCar debut here and responded by qualifying second, finishing second and walking away as the 500 rookie of the year.

"I was questioning myself, the team, everything before, but as soon as I hit the track I forgot everything," Munoz said. "The car was really fast, and it's a shame we wasted that second outing. I think we're looking strong, and we'll see what happens tomorrow."

Castroneves owns three 500 wins and three pole wins at Indy — all for team owner Roger Penske.

But there was plenty of intrigue, too.

Kurt Busch, the fourth driver to attempt "the double" by racing in Indy and Charlotte on the same day, May 25, nearly made it into the pole shootout, too. He was bumped with 39 minutes left in qualifying when 2000 Indv winner Juan Pablo Montoya surpassed Busch's speed of 229.960 mph. Busch could have bumped his way back into the fast nine had he not already left for NASCAR's All-Star race in Charlotte, N.C. He was scheduled to be back in Indy for Day 2 when the top 30 starting spots will be determined.

Two other Andretti drivers, Hinchcliffe and Marco Andretti, overcame unusual circumstances to reach the shootout. Hinchcliffe was fourth despite spending most of this week recovering from a concussion. Andretti actually withdrew his original qualifying time to move into a shorter line, then waved off on another attempt before making it back to No. 6.



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Kurt Busch drives on the first day of qualifications Saturday for the Indianapolis 500. Busch, the fourth driver to attempt "the double," nearly earned a spot in Indy shootout with a speed of 229.960.



TERRY RENNA/AP

Jamie McMurray raises the mock check in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup All-Star race Saturday at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

# **McMurray pulls off upset**

### Driver who had never led a lap at All-Star race claims \$1M prize

By Jenna Fryer The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Jamie Mc-Murray started his day at home with his young son, who vowed to spend the day playing in his sand box.

Then Carter McMurray asked his dad what he had planned for Saturday.

"I'm going to race for a million bucks," McMurray told him. Race for it? Sure. Win it? With

his Las Vegas odds at 40-1, Mc-Murray was one of the biggest long shots Saturday night in the Sprint All-Star race. But he pulled off a masterful

But he pulled off a masterful upset, staging a tense door-to-door battle with Carl Edwards to grab the S1 million prize with his first All-Star victory. McMurray, who led a race-high 31 laps, had never before led a lap in the All-Star race, and his previous best finish in seven appearances in the exhibition was eighth on was eighth or was the exhibition was eighth.

McMurray was second on the restart for the 10-lap sprint to the checkered flag. Lined up outside of pole-sitter Edwards, McMurray flirted several times for the lead on a frantic lap around Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Although he surged slightly ahead several times, and the two cars appeared to touch more than once, McMurray finally cleared Edwards for the lead two laps into the fifth and final segment.

"As a kid, that is what you grew up wanting to do, is have a shoot-out like that and have a possibility to race for 10 laps," McMurray said. "He got a little bit of a jump on me on the restart and I was able to hang on to his quarter panel, and when we kept entering Turn 1 and 3, I was like, 'It is for a million bucks. If we wreck, it's not that big of a deal.'

"It's so cool to come out on top."

Once he cleared Edwards, Mc-Murray easily pulled away for the

Edwards, who faded to fifth, immediately watched the replay after the race.

"Jamie just did a perfect job on the start. I had him cleared for a minute," Edwards said. "If I would have pulled in front of him in Turn 1, if I would have gone high, I think we would have won that race. But I was just so reluctant to give up the bottom. It was a drag race. My hat is off to him. He earned it."

McMurray's first career victory came at Charlotte in 2002 in his second start with Chip Ganassi Racing. He also won in 2010 and goes into the Coca-Cola 600 next Sunday needing a win in that race to have career victories in all three of Charlotte's main events.

Kevin Harvick finished second, Matt Kenseth was third and Dale Earnhardt Jr., who complained earlier in the race he was driving a dump truck, was fourth.

Kurt Busch was 11th after qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 earlier in the day.

"Really happy to see Jamie win, it's always nice to see good guys win," said Kenseth, a former teammate of McMurray's at Roush Fenway Racing.

It seemed to be a popular victory as several drivers made a point to congratulate McMurray in their post-race interviews as the driver took his Chevrolet to Victory Lane. He was met there by team owners Felix Sabates and Chip Ganassi, who flew into North Carolina before the race after Indianapolis 500 qualifying

It was a tough day for Ganassi in Indianapolis, where none of his five cars made it into the Fast 9 qualifying round and Scott Dixon was his fastest driver at 15th.

"We obviously didn't have a

good day in Indianapolis and you're damn right this turned the day around," said Ganassi, who kissed McMurray as he and Sabates cut the post-race news conference short to head back to Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Kyle Busch won the first segment, but his night ended early in the second 20-lap segment when he used an aggressive move in a fast attempt to avoid running into the back of older brother, Kurt.

"His brother forced his hand," Clint Bowyer said of the accident that nearly collected his car. "Hell, I don't know how I didn't wreck."

The Busch brothers were runing together when Kurt was too
close to the outside wall and Kyle
tried to dart into the middle lane
to avoid hitting him. Instead, Kyle
hit the back of Bowyer as he tried
to swing around Bowyer into a
third lane. Bowyer clipped hin
as Busch surged ahead, and it
began a spin that sent Busch into
the path of Joey Logano.

Busch failed to finish the All-Star race for the fifth time in nine years

"I saw Kurt get really bottled up and about get in the wall, so he had to check-up real hard and my shot was in the middle, to go across three lanes and underneath Bowyer," Busch said. "But Bowyer blocked it and when he did, I got into him. Those are the opportunities you have to take in the All-Star."

Kasey Kahne went on to win that segment, and the third segment.

But his night fell apart in the fourth segment when he hit the wall to damage his Chevrolet.

"I hit it hard. I blew it bad," he radioed. "Sorry, guys. I can't believe that happened. We had the best car here by far. Great, great car"

Kahne wound up 14th.

Jockey Victor Espinoza, below, celebrates aboard

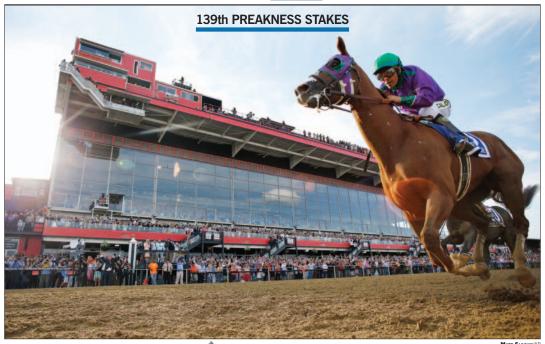
California Chrome after winning the 139th Preakness Stakes. GARRY JONES/AF

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California Chrome, above, ridden by jockey Victor Espinoza, wins the 139th Preakness Stakes at the Pimlico Race Course on Saturday in Baltimore.

Raising the stakes

California Chrome keeps Triple Crown dreams alive with victory at Pimlico

By BETH HARRIS The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - It gets even harder from here on out for California

He won easily in his home state of California, he dazzled in the Kentucky Derby and he dug deep to win the Preakness on Saturday.

Now comes the toughest test of all, the Belmont

Stakes in three weeks.

The chestnut colt with four white feet will attempt to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, some-thing that hasn't been done since Affirmed in 1978. Since then, 12 horses have won the first two legs and failed to complete the sweep in the 11/2-mile Belmont; the last was I'll Have Another, who was scratched on the eve of the Belmont two years ago.

"You have to have a very good horse

to win these three races," said Art Sherman, the winning 77-year-old trainer. "I'm hoping I've got one right now."

Maybe the horse with the modest pedigree and average Joe owners is the

California Chrome defeated Ride On Curlin by 11/2 lengths in the Preakness, covering 13/16 miles in 1:54.84 on a sunny and cool day at Pimlico.

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